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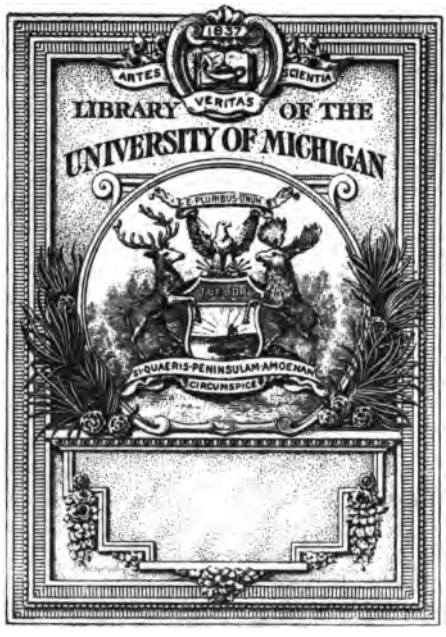
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QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL OF THE ARMY

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TO THE

SECRETARY OF WAR

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1897.

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REPORT

OF

THE QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, October 1, 1897.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the annual report of the Quartermaster's Department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

By acts of Congress approved March 16 and June 6 and 11, 1896, there was appropriated for the service of the Quartermaster's Department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897, the sum of		$8,162,938.00
During the fiscal year there was deposited to the credit of appropriations 1896–97, amounts received from sales to officers, etc., the sum of		423,663.12
Making a total of		8,586,601.12
Of this amount there was remitted to disbursing officers	$6,718,957.63	
There was paid out on account of settlements made at Treasury of claims and accounts	11,798.23	
There was charged against appropriations by Treasury transfer warrants	18,000.00	
		6,748,755.86
Leaving a balance available for payment of outstanding obligations incurred or fulfillment of contracts properly entered into within the fiscal year of		1,837,845.26
On the 1st of July, 1896, there was on hand from regular appropriations for the service of the Quartermaster's Department pertaining to the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896		1,401,341.51
And from appropriations pertaining to previous fiscal years, including those for specific purposes, the sum of		803,347.27
Making a total balance on hand from all appropriations July 1, 1896, of		2,204,688.78
For specific purposes there was appropriated during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897		53,666.92
During the year there was deposited and transferred to credit of the appropriations other than those of 1896–97, shown above, the sum of		288,634.68
Making a total of		2,546,990.38
Of said amount there was remitted to disbursing officers the sum of	$761,438.44	
There was paid out on account of Treasury settlements and transferred the sum of	324,600.88	
There was carried to surplus fund the sum of	577,204.63	
		1,663,243.95
Leaving a balance of		883,746.43

DUTIES OF THE QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Under existing laws the Quartermaster's Department, under the direction of the Secretary of War, provides the Army with military stores and supplies requisite for its use, such as clothing and equipage, tents, band instruments, tableware and mess furniture, equipments for post bakeries, fuel, forage, stationery, lumber, straw for bedding for men and animals, all materials for camp, and for shelter for troops and stores, furniture for barracks, such as bunks, benches, chairs, tables, lockers, heating and cooking stoves for use in public barracks and quarters, tools for mechanics and laborers in the Quartermaster's Department, furniture, text-books, papers, and equipment for post schools, reading matter for post libraries, wagons, ambulances, carts, saddles, harness, water supply, sewerage, plumbing, illuminating supplies, and heating for all military posts and buildings.

The Department is also charged with the duty of transporting, by land and water, troops, munitions of war, equipments, and all articles of military supplies from the place of purchase to the several armies, garrisons, posts, and recruiting places.

Under act of Congress amending section 1661, Revised Statutes, for arming and equipping the militia, this Department supplies quartermaster stores, clothing, and equipage to the militia of the several States and Territories, and transports the same to said States and Territories. It also furnishes transportation for ordnance and ordnance stores issued by the United States to the militia of the several States and Territories. It also transports the property for other Executive Departments on requisitions, payments therefor being made by the respective Departments to the carriers upon accounts forwarded through the Quartermaster-General's Office for that purpose.

This Department prepares the necessary plans and constructs all buildings at military posts, such as barracks, quarters, storehouses, hospitals, etc., builds wharves, constructs and repairs roads for military purposes, builds all necessary military bridges, provides, by hire or purchase, grounds for military encampments and buildings; contracts for all horses for cavalry, artillery, and for the Indian scouts, and for such infantry and members of the Hospital Corps in the field campaigns as may be required to be mounted; pays for all incidental expenses of the military service which are not provided by other corps.

The care and maintenance of national cemeteries is an additional duty of this Department. It also provides suitable headstones to mark the graves of all soldiers, sailors, or marines who served during the late war, including those who have been buried in private cemeteries and other burial places.

Section 1139, Revised Statutes, makes it the duty of the Quartermaster-General, under the direction of the Secretary of War, to prescribe and enforce a system of accountability for all quartermaster supplies furnished the Army, its officers, seamen, and marines.

CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE SUPPLIES.

Congress provided for this branch of the service for the last fiscal year the sum of $1,050,000. To this was added the sum of $162,855.05 for reimbursements on account of issues to the militia, and the sum of $86,262.99 for collections by the pay department and from sales to officers, etc., making a total of $1,299,118.04 available for clothing and equipage supplies for the fiscal year.

Of this amount the sum of $1,024,307.25 was paid out during the year, leaving a balance on hand of $274,810.79, of which $241,700.94 will be required to pay outstanding obligations. The remaining sum of $33,109.85, together with the sum of $15,000, estimated to be collected by the pay department after July 1, 1897, and credited to clothing appropriation for last fiscal year, will represent a total of $48,109.85 to be covered into the Treasury.

The issues to the militia of the several States and Territories during the last fiscal year amounted to the sum of $164,294.29, which includes the sum of $1,412.15 from appropriation "Regular supplies," and $37.09 from appropriation "Army transportation."

To the militia of the District of Columbia there were issued during the year clothing and equipage, transportation supplies and regular supplies to the value of $744.79, which sum will not be reimbursed to the appropriations from which taken.

Under act of Congress approved March 16, 1896, the sum of $4,221.25 was expended during the year for the purchase of citizens outer clothing, at a cost not to exceed $10 a suit, to be issued upon release from confinement to each prisoner who has been confined under a court-martial sentence involving dishonorable discharge.

The sum of $18,492.03 was realized at general depots from the sale of old pattern and unserviceable articles of clothing and equipage, which sum was covered into the Treasury and credited to miscellaneous receipts as required by law.

There was expended during the last fiscal year from the appropriations of the Quartermaster's Department the sum of $11,654.06 for the maintenance of the Apache Indian prisoners of war, confined by the military authorities at Fort Sill, Okla., which is $114.26 less than the expenditure for the same object during the previous fiscal year.

CAP DEVICES FOR ENLISTED MEN.

A full supply of the new cap devices has been purchased and issued to the entire Army. They seem to give general satisfaction. Steps have been taken to extend the issue of the same to the militia of the States.

SHOES.

The most important part of the equipment of a soldier is his foot gear. It has been the constant aim of this Department to procure and furnish the Army the most comfortable and best marching shoe obtainable. The present shoe was adopted in 1893, and was considered a great improvement upon any heretofore supplied to the troops. The uppers are made of calfskin weighing from 55 to 60 pounds to the dozen skins, and the materials used in their construction are the best and most durable that can be procured. Notwithstanding this, the shoes are not entirely satisfactory, and the Department is studying this subject with great care with a view to providing a shoe that will more perfectly meet all the requirements of the service.

IMPROVEMENT IN TENTS.

Complaints having been received in regard to the waterproof qualities, etc., of shelter tents, the Department has taken steps to improve the same by the use of duck made of yarn having a firmer twist and being more closely woven.

There were manufactured at the Philadelphia depot during the last fiscal year 250 of the improved conical tents, conforming to the design submitted by Maj. Charles W. Williams, quartermaster, United States Army, and which was patented by him so that the Government could have the benefit of the invention without cost for royalty.

A number of these tents have already been issued, and it is the intention of the Department to issue the remainder to extreme northern posts when required, and where their use and trial in winter will demonstrate whether the tent should entirely supersede the regular conical wall tent.

TENTS FOR FLOOD AND CYCLONE SUFFERERS.

The demand for the loan of tents for use of the people who were rendered homeless by the inundations of the Mississippi River during the spring of the present year became so urgent that Congress, by joint resolution, approved March 24, 1897, appropriated funds for the purchase of 1,000 tents to shelter and relieve these sufferers. Under this authority the number of tents authorized were purchased at a cost of $7,837.97. There were at the St. Louis depot 348 additional tents which were left on hand from those purchased under a previous authority of Congress, which made a total of 1,348 tents available. Nearly all of these tents were distributed to Memphis, Helena, and Vicksburg.

Tents were also loaned during the fiscal year, by authority of the Secretary of War, to the citizens of El Paso, Tex., who were rendered homeless by the inundations of Rio Grande River, and also to the cyclone sufferers at Chandler, Okla.

COLORS AND FLAGS FOR THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

A silken flag and bunting color having been established for the use of the Secretary of War, standard samples and specifications have been adopted. Both color and flag are of scarlet, and the design consists of an eagle with outspread wings, and a star in each of the four corners.

TRANSPORTATION.

Transportation was furnished by the Quartermaster's Department during the last fiscal year for 371,611 persons, 4,295 animals, and 98,590 tons of materials.

The cost of the principal movement of troops, exclusive of deductions on account of land-grant and bond-aided railroads, amounted during the year to $182,640.99. Of which amount the sum of $25,248.04 was expended since March 4, 1897.

The sum of $22,898.06 was expended for the transportation of troops in connection with summer encampments, practice marches, etc., and the sum of $5,577.59 for the transportation of enlisted men engaged in rifle competition and target practice.

There were transported for the Army over the bond-aided Pacific railroads during the fiscal year, 6,726 persons, 889 animals, and 34,307,732 pounds of freight.

This Department owns ten steamboats which have been kept in service during the year at a cost, including repairs, of $79,894.03. In addition, the sum of $2,741.37 was expended for the hire of vessels temporarily required.

CAVALRY AND ARTILLERY HORSES.

During the fiscal year 888 cavalry and 81 artillery horses were provided at an average cost of $133.10 each for cavalry horses and $146 each for artillery horses.

There were also purchased 42 team horses and 344 mules at a cost of $37,685.53. The average cost of the former was $158.54 each and of the latter $90.19 each.

There were sold and died during the year 1,061 cavalry and artillery horses, 30 team horses, and 305 mules, leaving on hand at the close of the year 6,006 cavalry and artillery horses, 525 team horses, and 3,148 mules.

ROADS, WALKS, ETC.

The sum of $88,415.03 was expended during the fiscal year for roads, walks, grading, and bridges; $3,539.19 for wharves, and $224,881.39 for water supply, sewerage, plumbing, and drainage.

REGULAR SUPPLIES.

The sum of $103,699.30 was expended for lighting, heating, and cooking apparatus, and $8,422.59 for tableware and kitchen utensils.

BARRACKS AND QUARTERS.

Congress, by act approved March 16, 1896, provided the sum of $750,000 under the head of "Barracks and quarters," and under the act approved June 6, 1896, making appropriation for fortifications, appropriated a sum not exceeding $100,000 for the construction of necessary buildings connected therewith, making a total of $850,000 available for construction.

This sum was expended during the last fiscal year in the construction of barracks, officers' quarters, storehouses, stables, etc., and for the repair and alteration of buildings, and for rent.

The sum of $74,852.82 was also expended during the year in the construction and repair of hospitals at military posts, which includes a new hospital under construction at Fort Monroe, Va., at a cost of $17,954.38, and one at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y., at a cost of $16,240.

MILITARY POSTS.

By act of Congress approved June 11, 1896, the sum of $300,000 was appropriated "for the construction of buildings at, and the enlargement of, such military posts as in the judgment of the Secretary of War may be necessary."

This sum was apportioned as follows:

Presidio of San Francisco, Cal	$77,959.25
Jefferson Barracks, Mo	19,472.61
Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y	42,977.11
Fort Harrison, Mont	4,739.00
Fort Hancock, N. J	80,000.00
Fort Ethan Allen, Vt	18,948.80
Fort Myer, Va	19,594.98
Fort Wayne, Mich	13,471.29
Fort Hamilton, N. Y	6,884.00
Fort Bliss, Tex	8,143.00
Fort Porter, N. Y	7,500.00
Balance June 30, 1897	309.96
Total	300,000.00

Some of the buildings authorized at the above-mentioned posts have already been completed, some are in course of erection, and others are under contract.

FORT HARRISON, MONT.

This post is being enlarged by the construction of one double barrack and one double set of officers' quarters, which cost, including plumbing, heating, gas-piping, etc., $54,817, $40,000 of which is provided under act approved June 11, 1896, and the remainder from other funds of Quartermaster's Department.

FORT WAYNE, MICH.

In addition to the construction of one double set of officers' quarters and double set of noncommissioned staff officers' quarters at Fort Wayne, Mich., there has been expended on this reservation the sum of $20,000 by grading and filling in the river front, which sum was appropriated by act of Congress approved June 11, 1896.

PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

At this post two double barrack buildings were erected during the year at a cost, including plumbing, gas piping, and lockers for same, of $83,999.25.

In addition to the above, various other improvements were made on this reservation during the year from the special appropriations provided for the purpose. These improvements consisted mainly of planting of trees, repair of fences and gates, construction of stone wing and inclosing walls, and construction of roadways, etc.

Out of the appropriation of $10,000 provided for the improvement of this reservation by act approved June 11, 1896, there remained on hand at the close of the fiscal year the sum of $7,081.44, which will be required to pay for the construction of the inclosing wall, under contract with A. E. Buckman.

FORT HANCOCK, N. J.

The construction of a military post at Sandy Hook having been authorized by the Secretary of War, thirty-two buildings have been contracted for and are in course of erection at this post, which improvements include the water-supply and sewer systems, together with the necessary plumbing, gas-piping, and heating apparatus, for such of these buildings as require it. Cost of the work is $324,752.50.

MILITARY POST AT SPOKANE, WASH.

Congress, under act approved June 11, 1896, appropriated the sum of $100,000 for beginning the construction of permanent buildings, providing sewerage, water supply, and other necessary improvements at Spokane, Wash.

This money is being expended in the construction of four double sets officers' quarters and one double barrack in brick, including plumbing, heating, and gas-piping for same; also two double sets noncommissioned staff officers' quarters (brick), including plumbing and gas-piping, costing $97,500.

FORT RILEY, KANS.

Under the same act, Congress provided the sum of $75,000 to continue the construction of buildings at Fort Riley, Kans., out of

which the following buildings have been contracted for and are being erected:

One artillery barrack and outhouse (stone)	$20,480.00
Two double sets artillery officers' quarters (stone)	18,172.00
One quartermaster's stable (stone)	8,109.00
Five cavalry-stable guard buildings (stone)	4,975.00
One wagon and two ambulance sheds and stone wall	2,875.00
Quartermaster's shops and quarters (stone)	7,100.00
One office and stable guard building (stone)	881.00
Stone wall around quartermaster's corral	501.60
One chapel and school building (stone)	11,500.00
Total	74,593.60

FORT D. A. RUSSELL, WYO.

Congress also provided by the same act the sum of $40,000 to extend the barracks at this post, which has been expended in making brick additions to existing barracks.

FORT PORTER, NEAR BUFFALO, N. Y.

The sum of $24,170.20 was allotted during the year for the construction of three double sets of officers' quarters and one double set of noncommissioned staff officers' quarters, including plumbing, heating, and gas-piping for same.

A portion of this work is already completed and the remainder in course of construction.

FORT MONROE, VA.

Under the same act, Congress appropriated the sum of $15,000 to erect upon the Government reservation at this post a post-office building, to cover quarters for the postmaster and office accommodations for customs officer and United States commissioner.

This building is now being erected under contract, at the following cost:

For construction	$11,940.00
For plumbing, heating, etc	1,985.01
Total	13,925.01

MILITARY POST AT BISMARCK, N. DAK.

By act of Congress approved June 11, 1896, the sum of $40,000 was provided for beginning the construction of permanent buildings for a military post at Bismarck, N. Dak., which the Secretary of War was authorized to establish by act of Congress approved March 2, 1895, provided that a sufficient quantity of land, not less than 640 acres, suitable for the purpose, should be donated free of cost to the United States.

As none of the sites offered by the citizens of Bismarck and vicinity were suitable for the establishment of a military post thereon, no steps have been taken for the erection of buildings at that place, and no portion of the funds provided for that special object has been expended. The appropriation for this purpose was an annual one, and is therefore no longer available.

RESERVATIONS.

Forty-two lots, comprising part of old Fort Brady, Mich., have been sold, under the act approved July 8, 1886, and the sum of $36,400 realized therefrom. Twenty-two lots still remain unsold.

The sum of $4,950 has been realized from the sale of lots comprising

old Fort Bliss, Tex., under act approved March 1, 1890. Out of the receipts from the sale of this reservation, a military road between the city of El Paso and new Fort Bliss, Tex., is to be constructed, at a cost not exceeding $4,000, as provided for by act approved August 9, 1894.

The citizens of Seattle, Wash., representing the chamber of commerce, first tendered about 703 acres of land about 3 miles from Seattle, for the construction of a military post at that place, but it having subsequently been shown to the satisfaction of the War Department that insurmountable obstacles prevented the citizens from acquiring the full tract, as originally tendered, a slightly reduced area has been made acceptable to the Department, the title papers of which are being collected for action of the Department of Justice.

The act of Congress approved June 11, 1896, provided $18,000 for the purchase of land for a target range for the use of troops stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Mo., provided that any land purchased "shall be unencumbered by any private or public ways or roads."

This office possesses no information as to what steps, if any, the War Department has taken with a view to securing the range. The $18,000 provided for this purpose has been again appropriated by act approved June 4, 1897, and made available for expenditure during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1898.

Owing to business depression, etc., no steps have yet been taken looking to the disposition by sale of the valuable land, some 80 acres, which comprise old Fort Omaha, the sale of which is provided for by act approved July 23, 1888.

Portions of the reservations of Fort Robinson, Nebr., Sucia Islands, Gulf of Georgia, Washington, and Fort Clinch, Fla., have been transferred to the Interior Department.

NATIONAL CEMETERIES.

There are 83 national cemeteries and 75 superintendents. Nine thousand nine hundred and fourteen white marble headstones were provided during the year to mark the graves of known Union soldiers, sailors, and marines in national, post, city, and village cemeteries.

The roadway authorized by act of Congress approved June 8, 1896, from the north side of Cache River bridge, in Pulaski County, Ill., to connect with the graveled road running from Mound City, Ill., to the Illinois Central Railroad, is nearly completed. The sum of $15,000 was appropriated for this work, and the sum of $10,656.75 was expended during the year.

The draining and repairing of the road to the Hampton (Va.) National Cemetery, authorized by acts approved March 2, 1889, and August 30, 1890, still await the action of the board of supervisors of Elizabeth City County, Va., relating to obtaining the right of way required by law.

The sum of $8,805.78 was expended during the fiscal year in making necessary repairs to roadways to national cemeteries.

During the year the necessary improvements and repairs have been made at the various national cemeteries, which consisted mainly of the construction of rostrums and outbuildings, erection of flagstaffs, repairs to lodges, inclosing walls, gates, fences, driveways, walks, water supply, drainage, etc.

At the San Francisco (Cal.) National Cemetery a white bronze monument, surmounted by a statue of a soldier, was erected by the Regular Army and Navy Union in the center of plot No. 7, on the east side of the cemetery.

HALL OF RECORDS.

Attention is again called to the necessity of a suitable fireproof building to contain the records of all the Executive Departments. The congested conditions of the space for the storage of valuable papers in the War Department calls for early action. This subject was considered at the second session of the Fifty-fourth Congress, but no legislation resulted. It is earnestly hoped that Congress will give further consideration to this important matter at its coming session.

The location of this building is of great importance, and should be within convenient access to all the Executive Departments.

Respectfully,

GEO. H. WEEKS,
Quartermaster-General, United States Army.

Hon. R. A. ALGER,
Secretary of War.

List of papers accompanying the annual report of the Quartermaster-General for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897.

1. Report of Lieut. Col. James Gilliss, deputy quartermaster-general, U. S. A., of the operations of the correspondence and examining division (which includes finance, inspection, money accounts, returns of quartermaster supplies, and clothing supply) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897.

A. Statement showing articles of clothing and equipage and material on hand at the issuing depots of the Quartermaster's Department, June 30, 1896, the quantities purchased, manufactured, received from posts and depots, taken up, sold, transferred to general depots, expended, issued to the Army and the militia, and the quantities remaining in the depots, June 30, 1897.

2. Report of Maj. Charles Bird, quartermaster, U. S. A., of the operations of the supply and transportation division (which includes regular supplies and transportation) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897.

3. Report of Capt. Crosby P. Miller, assistant quartermaster, U. S. A., of the operations of the construction and repair division (which includes barracks and quarters and reservations) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897.

4. Report of Capt. John T. French, jr., assistant quartermaster, U. S. A., of the operations of the mail and record division (which includes mail and record, records, files and claims, and national cemeteries) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897.

A. Statement showing national cemeteries, giving class, location, size, number of interments, etc., on June 30, 1897.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., August 13, 1897.

GENERAL: I have the honor to submit a report of the operations of the correspondence and examining division of this office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897, which will be considered in the following order of business:

Finance, inspection, money accounts, returns of quartermaster supplies, and clothing and equipage supplies.

FINANCE.

Under this head all matters are considered relating to the procurement and distribution of funds, the compilation and preparation for Congress of the annual estimates of funds for the service of the Quartermaster's Department, and for funds required for the Quartermaster-General's office, the examination of estimates of funds received from disbursing officers, and the issue of requisitions in favor of such disbursing officers, the action upon settlements made at the Treasury of claims and accounts pertaining to the Quartermaster's Department.

Financial statement for fiscal year ending June 30, 1897.

[From the balance books in which all debits and credits are recorded.]

Appropriations.	Balance in Treasury undrawn July 1, 1896.	Appropriated.		Placed to credit of appropriations during the year, being the proceeds of sales to officers, etc.	Placed to credit of appropriations by Treasury transfer warrants.	Total to be accounted for.	Remitted to disbursing officers.	Requisitions issued on settlements made at Treasury of claims and accounts.	Amounts charged against appropriations by Treasury transfer warrants.	Amounts carried to surplus fund, act June 20, 1874.	Balance in Treasury undrawn June 30, 1897, and available for outstanding obligations.	Total accounted for.
		Amount.	Date of act.									
1894 and prior years.												
Regular supplies				$242.50		$242.50				$242.50		$242.50
Incidental expenses				295.58		295.58				295.58		295.58
Barracks and quarters				.87		.87				.87		.87
Transportation of the Army and its supplies				269.70		269.70				269.70		269.70
Clothing, camp and garrison equipage				625.36		625.36				625.36		625.36
Total				1,434.01		1,434.01				1,434.01		1,434.01
1894 and prior years, transfer account.												
Regular supplies				71.47		71.47			$71.47			71.47
Transportation of the Army and its supplies				13.00		13.00			13.00			13.00
Clothing, camp and garrison equipage				70.87		70.87			70.87			70.87
Total				155.34		155.34			155.34			155.34
1895.												
Regular supplies	$375,496.00			2,535.24		378,031.24		$486.18		377,545.06		378,031.24
Incidental expenses	29,682.71			726.99		30,409.70		1,546.11		28,863.59		30,409.70
Horses for cavalry and artillery	29,812.44			6.50		29,818.94				29,818.94		29,818.94
Barracks and quarters	11,029.68			60.91		11,090.59	$1,080.26			10,010.33		11,090.50
Transportation of the Army and its supplies	99,781.87			7,296.59		107,078.46	2,046.98	5,061.17		99,970.31		107,078.46
Clothing, camp and garrison equipage	17,328.55			3,832.39		21,160.94		55.46		21,105.48		21,160.94

Construction and repair of hospitals	69.00					69.00				69.00		69.00
National cemeteries	673.51			105.27		778.78		67.98		710.80		778.78
Pay of superintendents of national cemeteries	783.01			50.00		833.01				833.01		833.01
Shooting galleries and ranges	1,384.92			43.22		1,428.14				1,428.14		1,428.14
Quarters for hospital stewards	116.98					116.98				116.98		116.98
Military posts	54.93					54.93				54.93		54.93
Repairing roads to national cemeteries	1,500.29					1,500.29				1,500.29		1,500.29
Burial of indigent soldiers	2,000.00					2,000.00	198.33			1,801.67		2,000.00
Headstones for graves of soldiers	1,729.82			9.23		1,739.05		1.78		1,737.27		1,739.05
Land for rifle range near Madison Barracks, N. Y.	13.00					13.00					$13.00	13.00
Total	571,456.71			14,666.34		586,123.05	3,325.57	7,218.68		575,565.80	13.00	586,123.05
Barracks and quarters, 1895 and 1896	34,075.59			5,068.37		39,143.96	27,618.95	115.00			11,410.01	39,143.96
1896.												
Regular supplies	463,004.28			68,011.00		531,015.28	80,450.90	3,360.15			447,204.23	531,015.28
Incidental expenses	49,063.66			6,988.24		56,051.90	9,173.95	650.84			46,227.11	56,051.90
Horses for cavalry and artillery	24,253.75			340.55		24,594.30	24,035.70				558.60	24,594.30
Transportation of the Army and its supplies	532,090.02			40,638.98		572,729.00	228,114.01	40,803.35			303,811.64	572,729.00
Clothing, camp and garrison equipage	286,336.75			25,573.75		311,910.50	289,308.22				22,602.28	311,910.50
Construction and repair of hospitals	359.00			471.35		830.35	465.34				365.01	830.35
National cemeteries	3,976.10			1,245.15		5,221.25	3,496.25	349.83			1,375.17	5,221.25
Pay of superintendents of national cemeteries	152.99					152.99					152.99	152.99
Shooting galleries and ranges	.93			767.47		768.40					768.40	768.40
Quarters for hospital stewards	15.04			111.94		126.98	118.80				8.18	126.98
Military posts	28,795.72					28,796.72	27,816.50				980.22	28,796.72
Repairing roads to national cemeteries	106.92			118.25		225.17					225.17	225.17
Burial of indigent soldiers	1,500.00					1,500.00	133.50				1,366.50	1,500.00
Headstones for graves of soldiers	11,685.35			.15		11,685.50	11,475.55	119.33			90.62	11,685.50
Total	1,401,341.51			144,266.83		1,545,608.34	674,588.72	45,283.50			825,736.12	1,545,608.34

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Appropriations.	Balance in Treasury undrawn July 1, 1896.	Appropriated.		Placed to credit of appropriations during the year, being the proceeds of sales to officers, etc.	Placed to credit of appropriations by Treasury transfer warrants.	Total to be accounted for.	Remitted to disbursing officers.	Requisitions issued on settlements made at Treasury of claims and accounts.	Amounts charged against appropriations by Treasury transfer warrants.	Amounts carried to surplus fund, act June 20, 1874.	Balance in Treasury undrawn June 30, 1897, and available for outstanding obligations.	Total accounted for.
		Amount.	Date of act.									
1897.												
Regular supplies		$2,200,000.00	Mar. 16, 1896	$137,581.36		$2,337,581.36	$1,849,944.39	$2,367.49			$485,269.48	$2,337,581.36
Incidental expenses		600,000.00	do	2,830.18		602,830.18	549,369.77	224.41			53,236.00	602,830.18
Horses for cavalry and artillery		130,000.00	do	278.82		130,278.82	130,278.82					130,278.82
Barracks and quarters		750,000.00	do	659.19		850,659.19	655,769.95				194,889.24	850,659.19
Do		100,000.00	June 6, 1896									
Transportation of the Army and its supplies		2,400,000.00	Mar. 16, 1896	15,502.80		2,415,502.80	1,891,400.27	9,178.33			514,924.20	2,415,502.80
Clothing, camp and garrison equipage		1,050,000.00	do	249,118.04		1,299,118.04	1,024,297.25	10.00			274,810.79	1,299,118.04
Construction and repair of hospitals		75,000.00	do	163.32		75,163.32	75,110.90				52.42	75,163.32
National cemeteries		100,000.00	June 11, 1896			100,000.00	88,262.34	4.45			11,733.21	100,000.00
Pay of superintendents of national cemetaries		61,880.00	do			61,880.00	61,879.67				.33	61,880.00
Shooting galleries and ranges		10,000.00	Mar. 16, 1896			10,000.00	9,974.30				25.70	10,000.00
Quarters for hospital stewards		7,000.00	do	529.41		7,529.41	7,529.41					7,529.41
Military posts		300,000.00	June 11, 1896	17,000.00		317,000.00	188,164.55				128,835.45	317,000.00
Repairing roads to national cemeteries		8,000.00	do			8,000.00	7,944.28				55.72	8,000.00
Burial of indigent soldiers		3,000.00	do			3,000.00	2,000.00				1,000.00	3,000.00
Headstones for graves of soldiers		20,000.00	do			20,000.00	18,607.45	13.55			1,379.00	20,000.00
Road to the national cemetery, Presidio of San Francisco, Cal		10,000.00	do			10,000.00	10,000.00					10,000.00
Military cemetery at Key West, Fla		2,058.00	do			2,058.00	2,058.00					2,058.00
Military post, Spokane, Wash		100,000.00	do			100,000.00	15,373.33				84,626.67	100,000.00
Military post, Fort Riley, Kans		75,000.00	do			75,000.00	28,131.00				46,869.00	75,000.00

Military post, Fort Harrison, Mont		40,000.00	do			40,000.00	40,000.00					40,000.00
Military post, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo		40,000.00	do			40,000.00	40,000.00					40,000.00
Military post, Bismarck, N. Dak		40,000.00	do			40,000.00					40,000.00	40,000.00
Fort Wayne Military Reservation		20,000.00	do			20,000.00	19,861.95				138.05	20,000.00
Additional lands Fort Ethan Allen Military Reservation		3,000.00	do			3,000.00	3,000.00					3,000.00
Target range, Jefferson Barracks, Mo		18,000.00	do			18,000.00			$18,000.00			18,000.00
Total		8,162,938.00		423,663.12		8,586,601.12	6,718,957.63	11,798.23	18,000.00		1,837,845.26	8,586,601.12
Certified claims.												
Regular supplies	$100.24					100.24		100.24				100.24
Horses for cavalry and artillery				145.00		145.00		145.00				145.00
Barracks and quarters	28,409.79					28,409.79		28,409.79				28,409.79
Transportation of the Army and its supplies	88,995.96					88,995.96		87,042.54			1,953.42	88,995.96
Horses and other property lost in the military service	33,645.28			5,867.31		39,512.59	6,439.28	27,206.00		$200.00	5,667.31	39,512.59
Total	151,151.27			6,012.31		157,163.58	6,439.28	142,903.57		200.00	7,620.73	157,163.58
Indefinite or special.												
Additional lands Fort Ethan Allen Military Reservation	7,000.00					7,000.00	7,000.00					7,000.00
Burial of indigent soldiers	700.00					700.00	700.00					700.00
Bellevue rifle range, Omaha, Nebr	600.00					600.00		600.00				600.00
Deportation of refugee Canadian Cree Indians		5,000.00	May 13, 1896			5,000.00	4,961.28	38.72				5,000.00
Headstones for graves of soldiers				4.82		4.82				4.82		4.82
Hospital, Fort Meade, S. Dak	367.09			163.23		530.32	106.67				423.65	530.32
Military storehouse, Omaha, Nebr	11,019.13					11,019.13					11,019.13	11,019.13
Military road from El Paso, Tex., to new Fort Bliss, Tex		4,000.00	Aug. 9, 1894			4,000.00	4,000.00					4,000.00
Purchase of buildings at military posts	9,977.48					9,977.48					9,977.48	9,977.48
Purchase of land for target ranges, Fort McPherson, Ga				3.20		3.20					3.20	3.20

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Appropriations.	Balance in Treasury undrawn July 1, 1896.	Appropriated.		Placed to credit of appropriations during the year, being the proceeds of sales to officers, etc.	Placed to credit of appropriations by Treasury transfer warrants.	Total to be accounted for.	Remitted to disbursing officers.	Requisitions issued on settlements made at Treasury of claims and accounts.	Amounts charged against appropriations by Treasury transfer warrants.	Amounts carried to surplus fund, act June 20, 1874.	Balance in Treasury undrawn June 30, 1897, and available for outstanding obligations.	Total accounted for.
		Amount.	Date of act.									
Indefinite or special—Cont'd.												
Payment to John Finn		$6,363.95	June 8, 1896			$6,363.95		$5,820.84			$543.11	$6,363.95
Payment to legal representative of Geo. Case		475.00	Mar. 27, 1896			475.00		475.00				475.00
Post-office, Fortress Monroe, Va		15,000.00	June 11, 1896			15,000.00					15,000.00	15,000.00
Road to the national cemetery at Hampton, Va	$2,000.00					2,000.00					2,000.00	2,000.00
Road to the national cemetery, Illinois	15,000.00					15,000.00	$15,000.00					15,000.00
Relief of August P. Burditt, surviving partner of Burditt & Fisk		5,130.00	Mar. 27, 1896			5,130.00		5,130.00				5,130.00
Sewerage system, Fortress Monroe, Va		9,860.00	June 8, 1896			9,860.00	9,860.00					9,860.00
Tents for sufferers from floods in the Mississippi River		7,837.97	Mar. 24, 1897			7,837.97	7,837.97					7,837.97
Total indefinite	46,663.70	53,666.92		$171.25		100,501.87	49,465.92	12,064.56		$4.82	38,966.57	100,501.87
Pacific roads.												
1894 and prior years					$214.04	214.04		214.04				214.04
1895				36.74	6,775.53	6,812.27		6,812.27				6,812.27
1896				115.49	88,542.23	88,657.72		88,657.72				88,657.72
1897					21,176.20	21,176.20		21,176.20				21,176.20
Total				152.23	116,708.00	116,860.23		116,860.23				116,860.23
Grand total	2,204,688.78	8,216,604.92		595,589.80	116,708.00	11,133,591.50	7,480,396.07	336,243.77	$18,155.34	577,204.63	2,721,591.69	11,133,591.50

The records of this office show the following amounts remitted from regular and from indefinite or special appropriations:

Remitted from regular appropriations, fiscal year 1897.

Department, etc.	Regular supplies.	Incidental expenses.	Horses for cavalry and artillery.	Barracks and quarters.	Transportation of the Army and its supplies.	Clothing and equipage.
Department of the East	$287,442.12	$71,171.40	.....	$153,385.35	$215,623.41	$2,339.05
Department of the Missouri	269,596.62	61,667.14	.....	72,107.60	238,163.75	1,793.05
Department of Texas	115,335.25	29,750.92	.....	35,480.19	76,034.25	280.00
Department of the Platte	197,037.51	39,440.19	.....	38,901.50	113,077.24	732.00
Department of Dakota	224,538.57	43,922.31	.....	38,521.78	130,446.91	1,816.75
Department of California	87,699.39	27,770.40	$8,167.87	24,730.15	81,977.88	530.00
Department of Colorado	265,343.98	43,106.80	.....	51,940.40	224,307.04	16,367.90
Department of Columbia	98,963.79	24,550.43	2,741.45	13,923.81	71,591.80	225.00
Depot at New York	70,136.14	28,518.19	.....	6,067.47	218,672.07	68.73
Depot at Philadelphia	20,658.93	25,543.42	.....	7,749.64	64,597.53	910,748.09
Depot at San Francisco	13,395.44	17,399.98	.....	14,271.92	32,900.23	24,114.20
Depot at St. Louis	12,830.56	15,407.98	17,050.00	3,627.24	109,246.81	10,556.44
Depot at Washington	26,841.98	28,863.05	.....	5,734.47	106,485.06	55.00
Depot at Jeffersonville	58,879.97	23,650.50	.....	1,225.90	83,568.65	54,659.29
Columbus Barracks, Ohio	.....	133.33	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jefferson Barracks, Mo	6,310.16	2,753.51	.....	24,253.60	14,580.15	.....
Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y	21,035.35	5,980.59	.....	49,787.80	14,403.17	.....
Hot Springs, Ark	2,929.00	2,227.67	.....	272.00	1,259.50	.....
Little Rock, Ark	567.99	2,258.32	.....	2,079.67	1,411.06	.....
Springfield Armory, Mass	1,859.12	330.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Point, N. Y	24,892.11	11,035.08	.....	.....	6,227.64	.....
Willets Point, N. Y	1,600.10	1,960.54	.....	12,580.59	2,774.93	10.00
Atlanta, Ga	1,720.00	3,748.50	.....	300.00	563.00	.....
Bismarck, N. Dak	436.49	1,708.22	.....	180.00	103.05	.....
Chicago, Ill	457.10	2,917.94	102,319.50	415.00	10,004.60	.....
Seattle, Wash	106.33	1,867.56	.....	260.50	1,475.60	.....
Spokane, Wash	362.98	2,747.86	.....	280.00	2,170.37	1.75
Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo	207.00	1,994.00	.....	10,533.00	7,850.00	.....
Fort Delaware, Del	661.06	645.50	.....	15,749.19	3,873.80	.....
Fort Ethan Allen, Vt	2,686.04	3,402.33	.....	364.73	6,424.44	.....
Fort Harrison, Mont	16,925.13	6,333.13	.....	985.00	6,198.66	.....
Fort Hancock, N. J	1,511.15	2,917.57	.....	45,130.75	25,722.59	.....
Fort Myer, Va	1,680.00	1,258.32	.....	.....	3,472.50	.....
Fort Porter, N. Y	.....	613.67	.....	.....	25.00	.....
Fort Riley, Kans	650.00	3,099.96	.....	.....	1,574.00	.....
Fort Sheridan, Ill	467.00	3,092.19	.....	.....	.....	.....
Fort Sill, Okla	.....	700.00	.....	.....	8,062.90	.....
Fort Thomas, Ky	1,286.80	1,860.15	.....	754.00	290.00	.....
Fort Washington, Md	148.00	.....	.....	10,000.00	463.00	.....
Fort Wayne, Mich	2,721.94	1,172.08	.....	300.00	556.50	.....
Fort Wingate, N. Mex	3.00	1,133.32	.....	13,804.70	1,668.49	.....
Allegheny Arsenal, Pa	574.95	.....	.....	.....	129.24	.....
Augusta Arsenal, Ga	559.69	6.50	.....	.....	98.36	.....
Benicia Arsenal, Cal	1,288.40	108.40	.....	.....	226.81	.....
Columbia Arsenal, Tenn	764.56	38.00	.....	.....	60.00	.....
Frankford Arsenal, Pa	140.00	10.00	.....	.....	1,026.96	.....
Indianapolis Arsenal, Ind	326.78	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kennebec Arsenal, Me	1,155.00	15.00	.....	.....	25.00	.....
Rock Island Arsenal, Ill	1,283.99	148.06	.....	.....	978.94	.....
Watertown Arsenal, Mass	1,802.36	170.45	.....	.....	884.98	.....
Watervliet Arsenal, N. Y	2,124.56	154.91	.....	.....	122.40	.....
Military attaché, London, England	.....	64.40	.....	72.00	.....	.....
Total	1,849,944.39	549,369.77	130,278.82	655,769.95	1,891,400.27	1,024,297.25

Remitted from regular appropriations, fiscal year 1897—Continued.

Department, etc.	Construction and repair of hospitals.	National cemeteries.	Pay of superintendents of national cemeteries.	Shooting galleries and ranges.	Quarters for hospital stewards.	Military posts.
Department of the East	$43,157.06			$729.65	$1,218.71	$14.00
Department of the Missouri	5,290.72	$15.00		5,082.60	449.15	
Department of Texas	2,389.30			1,108.22	95.48	
Department of the Platte	5,134.15			696.37	405.09	12,000.00
Department of Dakota	2,877.84			74.78	1,136.76	
Department of California	4,035.04			1,097.25	138.31	77,959.25
Department of Colorado	4,649.07			969.79	108.20	
Department of Columbia	1,031.21			215.64	8.00	
Depot at New York		2,073.35	$900.00			
Depot at Philadelphia		4,094.68	2,290.00			
Depot at San Francisco		1,296.86	720.00			
Depot at St. Louis		11,211.50	10,620.00			
Depot at Washington	7.00	39,976.66	21,914.67		3,100.11	
Depot at Jeffersonville		2,188.06	3,840.00			
Jefferson Barracks, Mo	4,370.29					19,472.61
Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y	18.00					42,977.11
Hot Springs, Ark	800.00					
Willets Point, N. Y	163.22				44.60	
Atlanta, Ga		27,006.23	21,595.00			
Spokane, Wash						140.00
Fort Delaware, Del	1,188.00					
Fort Ethan Allen, Vt						7,198.80
Fort Harrison, Mont						4,835.79
Fort Myer, Va					825.00	17,971.51
Fort Wayne, Mich						5,595.48
Rock Island Arsenal, Ill		400.00				
Total	75,110.90	88,262.34	61,879.67	9,974.30	7,529.41	188,164.55

Department, etc.	Repairing roads to national cemeteries.	Headstones for graves of soldiers.	Burial of indigent soldiers.	Fort Wayne Military Reservation.	Road to the national cemetery, presidio of San Francisco, Cal.	Military cemetery at Key West, Fla.
Department of the East						$2,058.00
Depot at New York		$18,170.45				
Depot at San Francisco					$10,000.00	
Depot at St. Louis	$1,058.50					
Depot at Washington	3,858.38	437.00	$2,000.00			
Atlanta, Ga	3,027.40					
Fort Wayne, Mich				$19,861.95		
Total	7,944.28	18,607.45	2,000.00	19,861.95	10,000.00	2,058.00

Department, etc.	Additional lands, Fort Ethan Allen Military Reservation.	Military post, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.	Military post, Fort Harrison, Mont.	Military post, Fort Riley, Kans.	Military post, Spokane, Wash.	Total.
Department of the East						$777,138.75
Department of the Missouri						654,165.63
Department of Texas						260,473.61
Department of the Platte						407,424.05
Department of Dakota						443,335.70
Department of California						314,105.54
Department of Colorado						606,793.18
Department of Columbia						213,251.13
Depot at New York						344,606.40
Depot at Philadelphia						1,035,682.29
Depot at San Francisco						114,098.63
Depot at St. Louis						191,609.03
Depot at Washington						239,273.38
Depot at Jeffersonville						228,012.37
Columbus Barracks, Ohio						133.33
Jefferson Barracks, Mo						71,740.32
Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y						134,202.02
Hot Springs, Ark						7,488.17
Little Rock, Ark						6,317.04
Springfield Armory, Mass						2,189.12
West Point, N. Y						42,154.83

Remitted from regular appropriations, fiscal year 1897—Continued.

Department, etc.	Additional lands, Fort Ethan Allen Military Reservation.	Military post, Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo.	Military post, Fort Harrison, Mont.	Military post, Fort Riley, Kans.	Military post, Spokane, Wash.	Total.
Willets Point, N. Y.						$19,133.98
Atlanta, Ga.						57,960.13
Bismarck, N. Dak						2,427.76
Chicago, Ill.						116,114.14
Seattle, Wash						3,709.99
Spokane, Wash.					$15,373.33	21,076.29
Fort D. A. Russell, Wyo		$40,000.00				60,584.00
Fort Delaware, Del						22,117.55
Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.	$3,000.00					23,076.34
Fort Harrison, Mont.			$40,000.00			75,277.71
Fort Hancock, N. J.						75,282.06
Fort Myer, Va.						25,207.33
Fort Porter, N. Y.						638.67
Fort Riley, Kans				$28,131.00		33,454.96
Fort Sheridan, Ill.						3,559.19
Fort Sill, Okla						8,762.90
Fort Thomas, Ky.						4,190.95
Fort Washington, Md						10,611.00
Fort Wayne, Mich.						30,207.95
Fort Wingate, N. Mex.						16,609.51
Allegheny Arsenal, Pa						704.19
Augusta Arsenal, Ga.						664.55
Benicia Arsenal, Cal.						1,623.61
Columbia Arsenal, Tenn.						862.56
Frankford Arsenal, Pa						1,176.96
Indianapolis Arsenal, Ind						326.78
Kennebec Arsenal, Me						1,195.00
Rock Island Arsenal, Ill.						2,810.99
Watertown Arsenal, Mass.						2,857.79
Watervliet Arsenal, N. Y						2,401.87
Military attaché, London, England						136.40
Total	3,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	28,131.00	15,373.33	6,718,957.63

Remitted from indefinite or special appropriations.

Department, etc.	Military road from El Paso, Tex., to new Fort Bliss, Tex.	Hospital, Fort Meade, S. Dak.	Deportation of refugee Canadian Cree Indians.	Tents for sufferers from floods in the Mississippi River.	Road to national cemetery, Illinois.
Department of Texas	$4,000.00				
Department of the Platte		$106.67			
Department of Dakota			$4,961.28		
Depot at St. Louis				$7,837.97	
Depot at Washington					$15,000.00
Fort Ethan Allen, Vt					
Fort Monroe, Va					
Total	4,000.00	106.67	4,961.28	7,837.97	15,000.00

Department, etc.	Additional land for Fort Ethan Allen Military Reservation.	Sewer system, Fortress Monroe, Va.	Burial of indigent soldiers.	Totals.
Department of Texas				$4,000.00
Department of the Platte				106.67
Department of Dakota				4,961.28
Depot at St. Louis				7,837.97
Depot at Washington			$700.00	15,700.00
Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.	$7,000.00			7,000.00
Fort Monroe, Va.		$9,860.00		9,860.00
Total	7,000.00	9,860.00	700.00	49,465.92

INSPECTION.

The work of the office assigned under this head consists of matters pertaining to the personnel of the officers of the Quartermaster's Department, their assignments to stations, etc., to the clerks and other employees in the office of the Quartermaster-General and in the Quartermaster's Department at large, including those governed by the civil-service rules; also to the preparation of the biennial and annual reports, monthly return of officers, monthly and semimonthly pay rolls of the employees of this office, to the post quartermaster-sergeants, and to the detachment of army service men, Quartermaster's Department, at West Point, N. Y.

The 80 post quartermaster-sergeants and the 116 men composing the detachment of army service men, Quartermaster's Department, are reported to have generally performed satisfactory service during the past fiscal year.

Capt. J. B. Bellinger, assistant quartermaster, commanding the latter organization at West Point, reports, in reference thereto, as follows:

Number of men in detachment July 1, 1896	114
Number of men transferred or discharged during fiscal year ending June 30, 1897	39
	75
Number of men enlisted in and transferred to detachment during fiscal year ending June 30, 1897	37
	112
Number of vacancies in detachment, June 30, 1897	4
Total	116

Captain Bellinger further reports that the members of this detachment are assigned to the following duties: Three as clerks in Quartermaster's and adjutant's offices, 28 as mechanics, 10 as overseers, 25 as teamsters, 32 as laborers, 3 as janitors, 3 as printers, 1 as police sergeant, 1 as gas fitter, 1 as cadets' bugler, 2 as bakers, 1 as gardener, 1 as messenger, 1 as school teacher, 4 vacancies; total, 116.

Under the act of Congress approved March 6, 1896, appropriation is made for the following for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897:

Detachment of army service men, Quartermaster's Department.

First sergeant	1
Sergeants	6
Corporals	7
Privates	102
Total	116

Cavalry detachment.

First sergeant	1
Sergeants	5
Corporals	4
Farriers	2
Wagoner	1
Saddler	1
Privates	52
Total	66

It is provided, further, in the above act—

That the detachment of enlisted men at the Military Academy, heretofore designated as the general Army service (Quartermaster's Department) and the cavalry detachment, shall be fixed at such numbers, not exceeding two hundred and fifteen enlisted men in both detachments, as in the opinion of the Secretary of War the necessities of the public service may from time to time require. * * *

MONEY ACCOUNTS.

The assignment of work under this head consists of the administrative examination of the money accounts of officers serving in the Quartermaster's Department before their transmission to the Auditor for the War Department.

The following is a statement showing the number of accounts received, examined, and forwarded to the Auditor during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897:

Received during the year ending June 30, 1897	2,281
Forwarded to the Auditor for the War Department during the year ending June 30, 1897	2,281

RETURNS OF QUARTERMASTER SUPPLIES.

The work under this head consists of the examination of quarterly returns of quartermaster supplies for use of the Army; of annual returns of contingent fund property; of annual returns of supplies for use of militia of the several States and Territories and of the District of Columbia, and a quarterly return of property for improvement and protection of Yellowstone Park, and conducting the correspondence relating thereto. This branch also takes preliminary action on reports of boards of survey and inspection reports from quartermaster depots and independent posts and stations.

The following statement shows the work accomplished during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897, viz:

Quarterly returns of quartermaster supplies examined	953
Quarterly return of Yellowstone Park property examined	1
Annual returns of militia property examined	48
Annual returns of contingent fund property examined	5
Letters written	2,344

CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE SUPPLIES.

All work connected with the purchase, manufacture, and issue of clothing and equipage to the Army and to the organized militia of the States and Territories is grouped under this particular heading, of which the following is a summary:

Receipts and expenditures.

The appropriation for clothing and equipage for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, was		$1,050,000.00
To which were credited during the last fiscal year the following amounts:		
Reimbursements on account of issues to the militia of the States and Territories		162,855.05
Collections by Pay Department on account of clothing drawn by the enlisted men in excess of their allowance, from purchases of discharges by enlisted men under sec. 4, act of Congress of June 16, 1890, also from sales to officers, to the militia, and surveying expeditions authorized by law		86,262.99
Total		1,299,118.04
The remittances to officers of the Quartermaster's Department at the general depots and elsewhere for the purchase and manufacture of clothing and equipage and other expenditures chargeable to the appropriation for clothing and equipage amounted to	$1,024,297.25	
The amount refunded to the appropriation for arming and equipping the militia on account of clothing and equipage supplies returned to the Quartermaster's Department was	10.00	
		1,024,307.25
Leaving a balance of		274,810.79

In the Treasury of the United States on the 30th of June, 1897, of which but	$241,700.94
Will be required to pay outstanding obligations, leaving an unexpended balance of	33,109.85
To which will be added the collections by the Pay Department after July 1, 1897, and which will be credited to the appropriation for clothing and equipage, estimated at	15,000.00
Making a total of	48,109.85

That will, it is estimated, be covered into the Treasury of the United States.

REMITTANCES.

The following are the amounts that were remitted to officers during the last fiscal year:

Depot at Philadelphia, Pa	$910,748.09
Depot at Jeffersonville, Ind	54,659.29
Depot at San Francisco, Cal	24,114.20
Depot at St. Louis, Mo	10,556.44
Various departments and posts	24,219.23
Total	1,024,297.25

COLLECTIONS BY PAY DEPARTMENT.

There were placed to the credit of the appropriation for clothing and equipage for the fiscal year 1896–97, from collections by the Pay Department, the following amounts, viz:

On account of clothing drawn by enlisted men in excess of their clothing-money allowance	$41,087.51
On account of purchases of discharges by enlisted men under section 4 of the act of Congress approved June 16, 1890, and which, under the decision of the Secretary of War, are placed to the credit of the appropriation for clothing and equipage	8,169.00
Total	49,256.51

Owing to a deficiency in pay, etc., for the Army of 1897, the amount of $8,169, collected and credited to the appropriation for clothing and equipage on account of soldiers' discharges has, upon the application ot the Paymaster-General and by authority of the Secretary of War, been reimbursed to the Pay Department since the close of the last fiscal year.

PURCHASES.

The following are the principal articles of clothing, equipage, and materials which were purchased by this Department during the last fiscal year, viz:

Helmets, untrimmed	2,500	Mattresses	4,528
Campaign hats	16,028	Pillows	6,000
Forage caps	37,846	Pillowcases	15,000
Fur gauntlets ... pairs	10,098	Iron bedsteads, with bottoms	1,150
Leggings ... do	33,042	Barrack chairs	5,441
Undershirts, all kinds	56,338	Corn brooms	38,708
Muslin shirts	177,305	Axes	4,000
Wool stockings ... pairs	111,011	Shovels	1,600
Cotton stockings ... do	129,091	Scrubbing brushes	20,000
Berlin gloves ... do	215,013	D. B. cloth ... yards	11,085
Leather gauntlets ... do	16,500	S. B. kersey ... do	192,040
Boots ... do	1,100	D. B. kersey ... do	2,797
Shoes, calfskin ... do	72,413	Blouse flannel ... do	147,969
Barrack shoes ... do	224	Shirting flannel ... do	25,924
Arctic overshoes ... do	14,109	Blouse-lining flannel ... do	28,228
Wool blankets	34,669	Canton flannel ... do	219,733
Ponchos, rubber	6,116	Cotton duck, all kinds ... do	607,847
Bunk bottoms	1,000	Cotton duck, brown, for fatigue clothing ... yards	14,345
Mosquito bars	5,000		

MANUFACTURES.

There were manufactured at the Philadelphia, Jeffersonville, and San Francisco depots, from materials purchased under contract, during the last fiscal year, the following articles of clothing and equipage, viz:

Dress coats, all kinds	3,820	Shirts, D. B. flannel	23,516
Overcoats, kersey, made and unmade	5,311	Drawers	32,010
Blouses, made and unmade	37,599	Chevrons, gold lace, all kinds, pairs	5,426
Coats, canvas fatigue	6,336	Chevrons, cloth, all kinds, pairs	14,410
Trousers, canvas fatigue	18,770	Tents, conical wall, improved pattern	250
Trousers, kersey, mounted, made and unmade	15,567	Tents, conical wall, regulation pattern	35
Trousers, kersey, foot, made and unmade	55,397	Tents, hospital	173
Overalls, all kinds	3,580	Tents, wall	723
Stable frocks	3,422	Tents, common	1,209
Pillowcases	4,200	Tents, shelter halves	23,220

ISSUES TO THE MILITIA.

There were issued to the several States and Territories, as specified below, under the provisions of the act of Congress of July 1, 1887, amending section 1661, Revised Statutes, articles of clothing and equipage and other stores, for which the appropriations of the Quartermaster's Department have been reimbursed from that for arming and equipping the militia, as follows:

	Clothing and equipage.	Regular supplies.	Army transportation.
Alabama	$4,134.51	$223.00	
Arizona	1,484.21		
Arkansas	674.32		
Colorado	1,790.89		
Connecticut	3,285.77		$26.69
Delaware	1,601.64		
District of Columbia	1,998.72	636.38	1.60
Florida	932.93		
Georgia	3,452.36	66.00	
Idaho	1,771.33		
Illinois	2,102.63		
Indiana	6,418.85		
Iowa	6,946.78		
Kansas	5,225.40	60.30	
Kentucky	13,532.15		
Louisiana	3,469.19		
Maine	938.42		
Maryland	4,882.01		
Michigan	9,918.34		
Minnesota	311.03		
Mississippi	6,514.85		
Missouri	8,469.94	64.00	
Nebraska	3,227.95		
Nevada	1,311.10	10.93	
New Hampshire	2,203.85		
New Jersey	32.38		
New Mexico	887.40		
New York	4,611.06		
North Carolina	9,898.93	41.70	8.80
Ohio	4,719.00		
Oklahoma	744.45		
Pennsylvania	6,681.24		
Rhode Island	1,364.19		
South Carolina	7,053.74		
South Dakota	1,778.07	309.84	
Tennessee	7,766.45		
Texas	4,459.98		
Utah	790.70		
Vermont	3,048.61		
Virginia	7,675.79		
Washington	226.15		
West Virginia	1,801.37		
Wisconsin	1,886.75		
Wyoming	829.62		
	162,855.05	1,412.15	37.09
Deduct credit placed to the allotment of the State of Indiana	10.00		
Net amount received on account of issues by this Department	162,845.05	1,412.15	37.09

The act of Congress of March 1, 1889, contains a proviso which authorizes the War Department to issue to the militia of the District of Columbia such supplies as can be spared from those procured for use of the Army.

Under this authority there were issued to the commanding general of the District of Columbia militia the following:

Clothing and equipage to the value of	$78.71
Transportation supplies	250.99
Regular supplies	415.09
Total	744.79

The appropriation from which the stores were originally procured will not be reimbursed for the money value of the property thus issued.

CLOTHING FOR DISCHARGED PRISONERS.

There were remitted to various officers during the last fiscal year $4,221.25 for the purpose of purchasing suits of outer clothing at a cost of not to exceed $10 per suit, for issue to prisoners upon release from confinement under court-martial sentences involving dishonorable discharge, as provided by the act of Congress approved March 16, 1896, making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897.

SALES TO THE MILITIA.

Congress, by section 3 of the act approved February 24, 1897, provided that any State or Territory may, in addition to the stores issued under section 1661 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by act of July 1, 1887, purchase for the use of its National Guard or reserve militia, for cash, at cost at place of sale, such stores and supplies from any department of the Army as, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, can be spared.

Under this authority articles of equipage to the value of $2,592 were sold to the State of Ohio. This amount will be placed to the credit of the appropriation from which procured.

SALES TO THE GEOLOGICAL SURVEY.

There were sold to the Director of the United States Geological Survey, and placed to the credit of the appropriation during the last fiscal year, under the provisions of section 3692, Revised Statutes, for use of surveying parties in the field, tents and appurtenances to the value of $2,091.33.

SALES AT AUCTION.

The amount realized at the general depots of the Quartermaster's Department during the last fiscal year from sales of old pattern and unserviceable articles of clothing and equipage was $18,492.03, all of which has been covered into the Treasury of the United States, credited to miscellaneous receipts, as required by law. The expenses connected with making these sales amounted to $254.10.

ISSUES TO INDIAN PRISONERS OF WAR.

There were furnished by this Department during the last fiscal year to the Apache Indian prisoners of war confined by the military authorities at Fort Sill, Okla., such quartermaster supplies as were considered necessary for their wants, as well as for their wives and children.

The following is a detailed statement showing the expenditures connected with the keeping of these Indians, and which were defrayed from the appropriations for the Quartermaster's Department, viz:

Employees, superintendent, interpreter, and packer	$1,946.00
Fuel	3,046.16
Forage	2,994.99
Clothing and equipage	3,666.91
Total	11,654.06

The expenditures during the previous fiscal year for the same object were $11,768.32.

Of the many subjects considered by this Department in connection with the purchase, manufacture, and issue of clothing and equipage, the following are considered of special interest to the Army:

CAP DEVICES FOR ENLISTED MEN.

A full supply of the new cap devices has been purchased and issued to the entire Army. They seem to give general satisfaction; so much so that steps have been taken to extend the issue of same to the militia of the States. A contract has been awarded under which such ornaments can be purchased as may be needed from time to time during the present fiscal year.

UNDRESS FORAGE CAPS.

The attention of this office having been called to the fact that different manufacturers of the new undress cap for officers were making the shape of the visor at such varying angles from the horizontal as to destroy all uniformity, this office prepared a general order describing the cap more fully, and recommended that the same be published to the Army. No action has been taken upon this recommendation, and the evil complained of still exists at almost every post.

The difficulty of constructing the present pattern undress cap for the enlisted men so as to retain its proper shape has been overcome by using a heavier cloth and better stiffening material for the sides and omitting the heavy lining for the top. The caps now purchased seem to be satisfactory.

BLOUSES.

As heretofore stated, the requisitions for clothing and equipage received at this office, in nearly every instance, call for a very large proportion of unmade blouses of exclusively large sizes, which is done for the purpose of cutting them down so as to make a more stylish fit.

To overcome this constantly increasing practice, which results in unnecessary waste of material, it has been decided to hereafter charge to the enlisted men the actual cost of each size of blouse drawn by them, and instructions to carry the foregoing into effect are contained in the new price list of clothing and equipage published by direction of the Secretary of War, General Orders No. 37, Current Series. This involves the necessity of carrying and accounting for these garments upon the returns of officers according to size. It is hoped that by this course the evil referred to will to some extent be remedied, and it is believed that the difficulty will be entirely overcome so soon as the sizes which this Department is endeavoring to improve shall have been adopted. Several sets of blouses of new and revised patterns, based upon actual measurements taken of several hundred men stationed at the Washington Barracks, D. C., Fort Myer, Va., and Fort Columbus,

N. Y., were manufactured at the Philadelphia depot and tried on the enlisted men at the posts named, as well as at Forts Sheridan, Ill., and Leavenworth, Kans. The result has not been entirely satisfactory, owing to the widely differing views expressed by the officers in command, all agreeing, however, that the garments were a vast improvement upon those now issued. The principal objections were that the blouses did not provide sufficient room for an expansion of the chest. The difficulty of providing a satisfactory garment lies in the fact that if sufficient room is given for the expansion of the chest the back of the garment cannot be made to fit.

However, this Department is still studying the problem involved, and trusts that ere long a satisfactory conclusion will be arrived at.

Steps have also been taken to substitute a different lining for the blouses so soon as the present stock of the garments referred to shall have become exhausted by issues. The present lining consists of a blue flannel, half wool and half cotton, while the new lining is what is known as "lasting." It is an all-wool fabric, black in color, and similar in appearance to the black Italian cloth. It will make a much neater looking garment, and will give equal service with scarcely any increase in cost. Contracts to purchase a supply of this new fabric have already been made.

It has also been decided to hereafter line the sleeves of the blouses with gray silesia instead of unbleached muslin, which no doubt will add to the desirability of the garment.

To utilize the large supply of blouse-lining flannel on hand, it has been decided to dye the same to a dark-blue color and use it in the manufacture of—

OVERCOATS.

These garments are made of kersey and have heretofore been provided simply with a body lining, leaving the skirts of the coats without any lining whatever, thus giving very little warmth to the wearer below the waist. The overcoats hereafter manufactured and issued will be lined throughout and will undoubtedly be much more desirable.

BUCKSKIN GAUNTLETS FOR OFFICERS AND MEN.

The buckskin gauntlets procured and issued to the enlisted men appear to give general satisfaction. By their adoption the many objections raised against those of former makes have been successfully met. It has been demonstrated that a buckskin is the only material that is really suitable for military purposes. The Department is now looking into the question of establishing a suitable standard gauntlet for use of officers, and steps have been taken to procure light buckskin of such reliable tannage as will make it desirable for officers to procure them for their personal use instead of paying exorbitant prices for an article possessing very little merit.

SHOES.

The most important part of the equipment of the soldier is his foot gear. An ill-shod army is noneffective. It has been the constant aim of this Department to procure and furnish the most comfortable and best marching shoe obtainable. The present shoe was adopted in 1893 and was considered a great improvement upon any previously supplied to the troops. The uppers are made of calfskin weighing from 55 to 60 pounds to the dozen skins, and the materials used in their construction are the best and most durable that can be procured.

Notwithstanding, complaint is occasionally made that the shoes supplied are not what they should be, and the Department finds itself again confronted with a question so difficult to solve and which occupies the best minds of other nations.

It seems well established that the uppers are too heavy and the shape, which is very much like that of a brogan, is more or less objectionable.

Samples of two shapes, more like those worn by civilians, having uppers of reduced weights, viz, 45 to 50 and 50 to 55 pounds to the dozen skins, respectively, lighter linings, and thinner, more flexible shanks, are now being procured. It is the intention, before making any changes, to distribute a limited number of pairs of each to various posts for trial, in order that an intelligent and fair expression of opinion may be had. In the meantime this Department will continue to study the matter from an anatomical standpoint, in the hope that something practicable may be evolved.

UNIFORM FOR THE HOSPITAL CORPS.

The dress uniform for the enlisted men of the Hospital Corps having been abolished under the provisions of General Order No. 37 of 1896, all the dress coats and metallic trimmings pertaining to said corps were ordered into depot—the coats for the purpose of having them refaced and thereby rendered fit for issue to other arms of the service, and the obsolete metallic trimmings with a view to their sale at public auction. This change has necessitated the establishment of—

CLOTH SERVICE CHEVRONS

For the enlisted men of the Hospital Corps, in lieu of those of gold lace heretofore worn upon the dress coats.

DYEING OF PRISONERS' CLOTHING.

In making issues of clothing to general prisoners confined under sentence of court-martial, recourse is had, as far as practicable, to such articles as are obsolete or have become damaged by moth or otherwise. Heretofore this clothing was dyed to a dark-blue color, and prior to issue all military buttons were removed therefrom. Complaints were made, however, that this was not satisfactory, the color not being sufficiently distinct from that worn by the enlisted men of the Army. Steps have been taken so that all this class of clothing is now being dyed to a dark-brown or butternut color.

SUSPENDERS.

The question of improving the quality of the suspenders issued by this Department has also been under consideration, and samples of various kinds have been obtained from manufacturers for future reference. It is contemplated to make a change so soon as the stock on hand at the present time shall have become exhausted.

SHELTER TENTS.

Complaints having been received that the shelter tents are not sufficiently waterproof and that they afford very little protection to the men who have occasion to use them, this office has taken steps to

improve, if practicable, the quality of the material of which they are made.

The tents are manufactured from cotton duck 33 inches wide, weighing from 7½ to 8 ounces to the linear yard. The question involved can readily be solved by making them of heavier cotton duck. But this is objectionable, as the tendency of the times is that the soldier's equipments and burden should be lightened, if possible, and not increased in weight.

The matter is being studied and efforts are being made to obtain a duck of present weight, made of yarn having a firmer twist and being more closely woven.

The desirability of having the tents of a dark-brown color has also been advanced and experiments will be made so as to ascertain whether duck made as indicated and dyed afterwards will not be more satisfactory.

SHELTER TENT AND CLOTHING ROLLS.

At the request of the Surgeon-General of the Army, there were ordered to be manufactured and distributed to the several posts at which the enlisted men of the Hospital Corps are stationed 725 shelter-tent halves, having straps and buckles attached for the purpose of packing therein certain articles of clothing. These tents conform to a model which was designed by the Medical Department. Their cost is $1.94½ each, which includes both material and labor.

The attention of this office was also called, by Capt. Edmund Rice, Fifth Infantry, to a shelter tent and clothing roll combined devised by him, which he claimed possessed superior merits. Upon examination it was found that the tent was simply an exact reproduction of the United States regulation shelter tent, having a few straps attached in which to pack and carry articles of clothing or other necessaries. Captain Rice secured letters patent upon the same, and the royalty demanded being excessive the Secretary of War, upon the recommendation of the Quartermaster-General, decided that no action be taken in the matter until the question of royalty be waived forever. This Department has been advised that Captain Rice has disposed of his patent. An offer to furnish the tents has since been made, but declined.

Maj. Charles W. Williams, quartermaster, U. S. A., on duty at the Philadelphia depot of the Quartermaster's Department, has recently submitted a shelter tent and clothing roll devised by him and differing entirely from that patented by Captain Rice, with a view to having the same patented by the Department, should the features presented possess sufficient merit. The subject will be considered so soon as the material of which the future shelter tents are to be made shall have been finally determined upon, as it may be deemed advisable to also change the dimensions of the tent itself.

IMPROVED CONICAL TENTS.

There were manufactured at the Philadelphia depot during the last fiscal year 250 of the improved conical tents, conforming to the design submitted by Maj. Charles W. Williams, quartermaster, United States Army, and which was patented by him so that the Government could have the benefit of the invention without cost of royalty. A number of them have already been issued, and it is the intention of the Department to issue the remainder to extreme northern posts, when required, and where their use and trial in winter will demonstrate whether the tent should entirely supersede the regulation conical wall tent.

TENTS FOR FLOOD AND CYCLONE SUFFERERS.

The demand for the loan of tents for use of the people who were rendered homeless by the inundations of the Mississippi River during the spring of the present year became so urgent that Congress, by joint resolution, approved March 24, 1897, appropriated sufficient funds to purchase 1,000 tents to shelter and relieve the sufferers referred to. Under this authority there were purchased, after public competition, the number of tents authorized, at a cost of $7,837.97. There were at the St. Louis, Mo., depot 348 additional tents, which were left on hand from those purchased under previous joint resolution of Congress granting relief on similar occasions, making a total of 1,348 available tents. Nearly all of these were distributed to Memphis, Helena, and Vicksburg, at a cost of $779.63 on account of transportation, pay of agents, etc., and which must be defrayed from the appropriations for the support of the Army.

Efforts have been and are being made to return the tents to the custody of this Department. From reports received it appears that 421 are still outstanding. Whether any or all of these will be returned is problematical. An additional expense of $313.09 has thus far been incurred on this account.

There were also loaned in May last by authority of the Secretary of War to the citizens of El Paso, Tex., who were rendered homeless by the inundations of the Rio Grande River such tentage as could be spared from that in possession of the troops at Fort Bliss, Tex. None of the tents have thus far been returned, and it is doubtful whether the same can ever be utilized for military purposes hereafter.

Under authority of the Secretary of War of April last, there were loaned to the cyclone sufferers at Chandler, Okla., 30 tents belonging to the garrison at Fort Reno, Okla.

TENTS FOR REUNION OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.

Congress, by Public Resolutions Nos. 18 and 19, having authorized the loan of tents to the reunions of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held at Buffalo, N. Y., and Leavenworth, Kans., the available flood-sufferer tents will be made use of. Applications for the use of these tents from other military organizations are pending.

BAND INSTRUMENTS.

In order to ascertain the amount of money that will annually be needed to supply the various military bands with instruments of the best domestic production, a careful register of issues to each particular band is kept in this office. It appears that there were expended during the last three fiscal years the following amounts, viz:

1894–95	$11,259.96
1895–96	8,999.63
1896–97	6,827.13
Total	27,086.72

The above does not include the cost of repairing the instruments already in possession of the bands, but it may safely be assumed that the annual expenditures in connection with the instruments will be about $10,000.

HAND LITTERS.

There were purchased during the last fiscal year 400 hand litters, conforming to model furnished this office by the Surgeon-General of the Army, of which 276 have been issued to companies as required by paragraph 1417 of the regulations.

Judging from a few reports which have recently reached this office, it would seem that the braces are not sufficiently strong. Steps have been taken to remedy the defect.

SPADES, SHOVELS, AND AXES.

Finding that the shovels and spades purchased by this Department were of a pattern which had become antiquated, samples of latest production were procured and adopted as the future standards for the Army. Specifications conforming thereto were also approved.

The specifications for axes have also been amended so as to provide that axes hereafter to be procured shall be of soft steel instead of extra refined iron.

COLORS AND FLAGS FOR THE SECRETARY OF WAR.

A silken color and bunting flag having by General Orders, No. 10, current series, been established for use of the Secretary of War, standard samples and specifications have been adopted. Both color and flag are of scarlet, and the design consists of an eagle with outspread wings and a star in each of the four corners.

CLOTHING REGULATIONS.

Under paragraph 1548 of the regulations of 1895, the uniform and equipments of officers and enlisted men are to be prescribed in special regulations and published by authority of the Secretary of War. This necessitated a compilation of the regulations and decisions relating to the uniform that existed at the time the Army regulations went into effect, to which were added such changes as had been made to date. This compilation having been approved by the Secretary of War, the same has been published in pamphlet form and distributed in the usual manner.

CONCLUSION.

The quality of clothing and equipage issued to the Army has been fully up to requirements. Scarcely any complaints upon the general character of the articles supplied have been received, and all demands made upon the Department have been met with promptness.

In conclusion I respectfully refer to the accompanying statement showing in detail the quantities on hand at the general depots of the Quartermaster's Department on the 30th of June, 1896, the quantities purchased, manufactured, sold, issued to the Army and to the militia, and such other data as will convey full information as to the supplies that were available at the beginning of the present fiscal year.

Very respectfully,

JAMES GILLISS,
Deputy Quartermaster-General, United States Army.

The QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

A.—*Statement showing articles of clothing and equipage and material on hand at the issuing depots of the Quartermaster's Department June 30, 1896, the quantities purchased, manufactured, received from posts and depots, taken up, sold, transferred to general depots, expended, issued to the Army and the Militia, and the quantities remaining in depots June 30, 1897.*

Articles.	On hand June 30, 1896.	Purchased.	Manufactured.	Received from general depots.	Received from posts.	Gained.	Total received.	Sold.	Transferred to general depots.	Expended or dropped.	Issued to the Militia.	Issued to the Army.	Total issued.	Remaining on hand June 30, 1897.
Clothing.														
Aiguillettes and shoulder knots..sets..	1,664	1,050	.....	.....	4	.....	2,718	9	.....	.....	165	222	396	2,322
Blankets, woolen	42,447	34,669	.....	17,000	66	.....	94,182	37	10,501	615	1,967	17,069	30,189	63,993
Blouses:														
Made	51,841	.....	10,002	8,500	779	.....	71,122	435	9,324	.....	8,167	9,749	27,675	43,447
Unmade	7,432	.....	27,597	6,549	54	.....	31,632	23	5,725	.....	312	23,199	29,259	2,373
Blouse trimmings.....sets..	.....	.....	831	.....	.....	.....	831	.....	.....	.....	831	.....	831	.....
Boots, sewed.....pairs..	11,518	1,100	.....	1,075	43	.....	13,736	8	1,075	.....	82	2,225	3,390	10,346
Brassards	1,269	.....	1,107	1,175	3	.....	3,554	3	1,050	2	172	1,228	2,455	1,099
Caps:														
Canvas	3,774	.....	2,775	3,300	2	.....	9,851	3	3,425	.....	.....	2,855	6,283	3,568
Forage, new pattern	35,358	37,846	.....	28,437	2	.....	101,643	200	25,232	12,354	14,637	34,529	86,952	14,691
old pattern	16,885	.....	.....	.....	410	12,354	29,649	23,970	.....	.....	1,499	378	25,847	3,802
Fur.	16,154	3,960	.....	8,538	64	.....	28,706	36	11,050	.....	.....	6,140	17,226	11,480
Cap ornaments:														
Old style (all kinds)	292,847	.....	.....	10,000	80,874	1,088	384,809	321,159	9,500	.....	37,462	12,626	380,747	4,062
New style (all kinds)	.....	92,412	.....	4,958	.....	.....	97,370	.....	4,958	.....	290	50,361	55,609	41,761
Chevrons:														
Gold lace.....pairs..	3,351	.....	5,426	5	203	.....	8,985	323	5	91	453	4,807	5,679	3,306
Cloth.....do....	14,566	.....	14,410	7,465	330	.....	36,771	279	7,467	.....	3,378	11,236	22,360	14,411
Coats:														
Canvas fatigue	22,366	.....	6,336	8,600	413	.....	37,715	49	8,600	.....	.....	11,309	19,958	17,757
Summer sack	7,381	.....	9,570	2,350	108	.....	19,409	4	2,355	.....	.....	8,616	10,975	8,434
Uniform dress—														
Musicians, made	1,374	.....	393	90	34	.....	1,891	16	90	20	232	189	547	1,344
unmade	1	.....	1	.....	.....	3	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	3
Noncommissioned officers', made	128	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	128	.....	.....	.....	.....	61	61	67
Noncommissioned officers', unmade	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	.....	19	19	.....
Privates', made	8,218	.....	3,426	2,177	429	.....	14,250	123	2,179	44	317	4,166	6,829	7,421
unmade	3,444	.....	1	11	278	368	4,102	350	14	40	.....	179	583	3,519
Coat facings.....sets..	8,829	.....	1,197	27	3,822	.....	13,875	1,939	3,241	98	104	497	5,879	7,996
Collars, linen	312,042	105,089	.....	100,900	8	.....	518,039	337	90,900	.....	.....	102,729	193,966	324,073
Drawers:														
Canton flannel.....pairs..	84,372	.....	32,010	38,500	53	.....	154,935	105	38,500	.....	.....	63,743	102,348	52,587
Knit wool.....do....	27,489	.....	.....	2,500	24	.....	30,013	25	2,500	.....	.....	5,205	7,730	22,283
Frocks, stable	7,773	.....	3,422	2,600	392	.....	14,187	1	2,600	.....	48	3,971	6,620	7,567

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Equipage—Continued.														
Brooms, corn	16,321	38,708					55,029	34		379		26,844	27,257	27,772
Brushes, scrubbing	7,393	20,000		10,400			37,793	14	10,400	144		13,335	23,893	13,900
Bugles	61	14		9			84	6	9		7	25	47	37
Bunks, iron	906			460	1,490		2,796	1,512				999	2,511	285
Card holders for	4,316	6,500		4,500			15,316		4,500			2,754	7,254	8,062
Woven-wire bottoms for	4,968	1,000		1,000	477		7,445	509	1,000			1,795	3,304	4,141
Chairs, barrack	2,347	5,441		600			8,388	70	6	10		3,582	3,668	4,720
Colors:														
Camp	276			100			376		100	5	4	77	186	190
National	13	70					83			9	7	65	81	2
Regimental	6	26					32			5	1	22	28	4
Colors and guidons:														
Belts and slings for	14	20			1		35				4	1	5	30
Cases for	17						17							17
Staffs for	121	66			4		191	69			8	34	111	80
Drums	114	100		61	4	1	280		61		21	30	112	168
Drum cases	70		2	20		41	133		20		19	6	45	88
cords	13	96					109					74	74	35
Drum heads, batter	303	438		50			791	10	52		54	137	253	538
snare	314	726		100			1,140	8	75	1	45	159	288	852
knee rests	11	40					51	6					6	45
rods	310	50					360					28	28	332
slings	538			50			588	7	50		146	34	237	351
snares ... sets	2,634						2,634			144		17	161	2,473
sticks ... pairs	3,118	1			3		3,122	30		6	31	30	97	3,025
stick carriages	2,315				2		2,317				18	9	27	2,290
Fifes	1,235				6		1,241	150			18	19	187	1,054
Flags:														
Garrison	123	8		20			151	2	20	10	2	23	57	94
Hospital, field	38	5					43			1		7	8	35
general	14	1					15			3		1	4	11
Post	623	28		105			756	24	113	21	16	138	312	444
Storm and recruiting	982	310		253	1		1,546	44	261	15	9	231	560	986
Flag halyards:														
Garrison and post	227	51		75			353	3	77	3	12	86	181	172
Recruiting	1,696			3	1		1,700	1				10	11	1,689
Flag halyard devices	2,452						2,452							2,452
Guidons:														
Ambulance	13	8					21			1		10	11	10

Artillery, cavalry, and Indian scouts	28	80			2		110			1	5	78	84	26
Hatchets	8,521			500	11		9,032	5	500	3	76	1,322	1,906	7,126
Helves for	7,639	2,000		1,500	23		11,162	1	1,500		74	3,703	5,278	5,884
Slings for	955						955	890			2	40	932	23
Kettles, camp	3,065			300			3,365	18	300	62	196	665	1,241	2,124
Litters, hand (new pattern)	4	400					404	4			10	262	276	128
Mattresses	1,740	4,528		3,540	16	1	9,825	91	3,822	19	12	4,514	8,458	1,367
Covers for	21,994	1,207		3,500	38		26,739	108	3,500		24	6,403	10,035	16,704
Mess pans	45,152						45,152	8,503	50	45	103	669	9,370	35,782
Mosquito bars	11,575	5,000		3,500			20,555	2,577	3,500	2	224	4,619	10,922	9,633
Mosquito head nets	750	1,425					2,175	9				339	348	1,827
Pickaxes	2,551			250			2,801	3	250	1	16	576	846	1,955
Helves for	5,491			500			5,991	1	500	2	16	1,474	1,993	3,998
Slings for	188						188	45				20	65	123
Pillows	4,321	6,000		4,200	16		14,537	63	2,760	2	12	4,757	7,594	6,943
Cases for	38,656	15,000	4,200	23,000	34		80,890	197	23,000		24	27,362	50,583	30,307
Pillow sacks	2,234					149	2,383	146				130	276	2,107
Pots, iron	407				2		409	274				24	298	111
Shovels	7,472	1,600		100	1	6	9,179	13	100	13	38	1,854	2,018	7,161
Spades	10,253						10,253	28		8	38	629	703	9,550
Slings for	183						183	44				90	134	49
Standards		6				6	12			1		3	4	8
Stencils:														
Alphabets	42						42					13	13	29
Boxes (complete)	200			45	6		251	1	45		1	51	98	153
Company marking stamps	22	10		1	4		37	1				9	10	27
Numbers	62						62					10	10	52
Tents:														
Common	3,231		1,209	200	232		4,872	191	200		1,155	236	1,782	3,090
Conical wall	567		285		25		877	14		4	70	206	294	583
Hospital	199		173	88	1		461	12	96		107	20	235	226
Shelter (halves)	10,930		23,220	7,202			41,352	2,513	7,202	200	736	10,229	20,880	20,472
Sibley	179						179							179
Wall	831		723	400	20		1,974	70	420		401	141	1,032	943
Tent chains	696						696			50	12	52	114	582
Tent flies:														
Hospital	269		373	166	11		819	13	182	2	263	29	489	330
Wall	814		1,148	450	72		2,484	82	542		717	202	1,543	941
Tent pins:														
Iron, large	2,183						2,183					252	252	1,931
small	4,291						4,291					1,000	1,000	3,291
Wooden (all kinds)	149,430	370,835			256		520,521	14,404	74		87,662	193,006	295,146	225,375
Tent poles:														
Common, ridge	5,849			200			6,049	58	200	113	440	881	1,692	4,357
upright	10,325			400			10,725	150	400	93	2,040	524	3,207	7,518
Conical wall and Sibley	1,592				25		1,617	12			79	112	203	1,414
Hospital, ridge	618	200			2		820	3			128	12	143	677
upright	1,333	400			2		1,735	4			256	25	285	1,450
Shelter	9,386	21,000		1,000			31,386	1,600	1,000	15	736	4,656	8,007	23,379
Wall, ridge	1,240	1,000			20	107	2,367	24	1	2	473	90	590	1,777
upright	2,398	2,000			40	71	4,509	46	2	4	946	175	1,173	3,336

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Padding ... do	130,978	3,500		3,982			138,460	4	3,982	48,694	290		52,970	85,490
Silesia ... do	80,426	9,876					90,302			20,824	145	171	21,140	69,162
BAND INSTRUMENTS AND PARTS THEREOF.														
Instruments.														
Altos	6	21					27				5	21	26	1
Baritones	4	13					17				1	13	14	3
Bassos	2	17				2	21				4	15	19	2
Clarionets	4	21					25	1				17	18	7
Cornets	9	25			1		35				7	24	31	4
Cymbals ... pairs	2	7					9				1	6	7	2
Drums, bass	3	10					13				3	10	13	
Flutes	3	3					6					3	3	3
Piccolos	1	5			1		7					5	5	2
Triangles	1						1							1
Trombones	5	12		1			18				5	11	16	2
Parts.														
Bags	79		42			10	131					131	131	
Cases		5					5					5	5	
Cords, bass drum	14	50				4	68					22	22	46
Heads, bass drum	128	62					190					59	59	131
Music holders		37				1	38					36	36	2
Music stands	139	500					639				12	277	289	350
Pads	7,705	144					7,849					5,047	5,047	2,802
Reeds	1,185	4,458					5,643					3,127	3,127	2,516
Springs	884	323					1,207					855	855	352
Sticks, bass drum	8	1					9					5	5	4

REPORT OF MAJ. CHARLES BIRD, QUARTERMASTER, UNITED STATES ARMY.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., August 13, 1897.

GENERAL: I have the honor to submit herewith the following report of the operations of the supplies and transportation division of the office during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897:

TRANSPORTATION BRANCH.

The Quartermaster-General supervises and controls, through the transportation branch, the equipment for the transportation service of the Army, including wagons, ambulances, and vehicles, draft and pack animals, and cavalry and artillery horses.

Through it he also drafts all regulations and promulgates and enforces instructions for the government of the transportation service for the Army—rail, water, wagon, and stage. All transportation accounts which for legal or technical reasons can not be paid by disbursing quartermasters under existing regulations are settled through this branch, including the voluminous accounts of the bond-aided Pacific railroads.

Telegraph and telephone accounts for military service under similar conditions are settled through this branch.

Estimates of funds for the maintenance of these features of military administration are prepared and their economical expenditure under existing laws and regulations is directed through the transportation branch of this office.

The following statement shows that during the fiscal year 1897 transportation was furnished for 371,611 persons, 4,295 animals, and 98,590 tons of material:

	Railroad.	Water.	Wagon.	Stage.	Vessels.	Total.
Passengers:						
Officers	1,967	245	.....	27	26,712	28,951
Men	22,514	4,625	.....	940	314,581	342,660
Total	24,481	4,870	.....	967	341,293	371,611
Animals:						
Horses	3,134	220	.....	.....	165	3,519
Mules	553	217	.....	.....	6	776
Total	3,687	437	.....	.....	171	4,295
Stores (pounds):						
Subsistence	23,635,763	2,279,303	9,720,806	280	2,289,547	37,925,699
Quartermaster	31,779,630	2,285,055	29,183,740	163	2,155,584	65,404,172
Ordnance	24,133,810	11,328,956	2,777,566	42	3,040,944	41,281,318
Medical	723,463	61,524	527,615	.....	34,789	1,347,391
Signal service	363,330	3,067	74,696	45	60	441,198
Miscellaneous	16,855,485	1,702,818	23,009,943	.....	9,212,310	50,780,556
Total	97,491,481	17,660,723	65,294,366	530	16,733,234	197,180,334

MOVEMENTS OF TROOPS.

The principal movements of troops during the year, with cost of same, exclusive of deductions on account of land-grant and bond-aided railroads, have been as follows:

Troops.	Movements.	Cost.
First Artillery	Nine batteries changing station in Department of the East.	$9,099.54
Do	One battery from Department of the East to the Department of Texas.	1,431.50
Do	One battery from Department of the Missouri to Department of the East.	1,229.87
Second Artillery	One battery changing station in Department of the Missouri.	669.45
Do	One battery from Department of the Missouri to Department of the East.	2,195.40
Do	Two batteries changing station in Department of the East.	254.41
Third Artillery	Headquarters, band, and ten batteries from Department of the East to the Department of California.	27,243.34
Do	One battery from Department of Texas to the Department of California.	3,718.79
Fourth Artillery	One battery from Department of the East to Department of the Missouri.	1,713.60
Fifth Artillery	Headquarters, band, and nine batteries from Department of California to Department of the East.	11,535.12
Do	One battery from Department of California to Department of the Missouri.	621.60
Do	One battery from Department of the Columbia to Department of the East.	1,485.88
First Cavalry	Two troops changing station in Department of the Missouri.	1,676.78
Do	One troop changing station in Department of the Colorado.	365.01
Second Cavalry	Two troops from Department of the Colorado to Department of the Missouri.	4,485.03
Third Cavalry	Headquarters and band from Department of the Missouri to Department of the East.	1,363.04
Fourth Cavalry	Two troops from Department of the Columbia to Department of Dakota.	968.12
Do	Four troops changing station in Department of California.	1,681.35
Fifth Cavalry	Two troops changing station in Department of Texas	243.51
Seventh Cavalry	Two troops changing station in Department of the Colorado.	754.79
Eighth Cavalry	One troop changing station in Department of Dakota	315.69
Tenth Cavalry	Two troops changing station in Department of Dakota	835.95
Second Infantry	Detachment from Department of the Platte to Department of Dakota.	649.02
Fourth Infantry	Transfer of regiment from Department of the Columbia to Department of the Missouri.	11,726.62
Fifteenth Infantry	Transfer of regiment from Department of the Missouri to Department of the Colorado.	25,317.94
Sixteenth Infantry	Transfer of regiment from Department of the Colorado to Department of the Columbia.	15,997.15
Nineteenth Infantry	Eight companies changing station in Department of the Missouri.	1,039.25
Twenty-fourth Infantry	Regiment changing station in Department of the Colorado.	19,531.82
Sixth Cavalry	Band and four troops, Fort Myer to Fort Hamilton and return, escort duty for Chinese Viceroy Li Hung Chang.	3,085.95
Available command	Madison Barracks to Oswego, N. Y., and return, centennial of evacuation of Fort Ontario.	637.50
Do	Fort Porter to Fort Niagara and return, centennial of evacuation of Fort Niagara.	50.00
Twenty-first Infantry	Plattsburg Barracks to Burlington and return, reunion of Society of Army of the Potomac.	200.00
Various	Inaugural ceremonies, transportation of troops to Washington and return.	16,381.63
Do	Memorial Day, May 31, New York City and Brooklyn, N. Y.	211.05
Do	Memorial Day. May 31, Chicago, Ill.	247.75
Do	R. G. Shaw memorial, Boston, Mass.	212.96
Do	Dedication of General Grant's tomb, New York City	11,522.90
Do	Dedication of Washington monument, Philadelphia, Pa.	1,941.68
	Total amount expended in the principal movements of troops during the year	182,640.99

SUMMER ENCAMPMENTS AND RIFLE COMPETITION.

From reports received it is shown that there was expended during the fiscal year 1897 in the transportation of troops in connection with summer encampments, practice marches, field maneuvers, and instructions the sum of $22,898.06; also for the transportation of enlisted

men to engage in rifle competition and target practice, the sum of $5,577.59.

Where expended.	Summer camps.	Rifle competition.
Department of California	$642.45	.....
Department of the Colorado	3,402.10	$161.02
Department of the Columbia	64.81	19.00
Department of Dakota	1,083.08	.....
Department of the East	12.381.57	3,337.70
Department of the Missouri	2,845.95	1,660.62
Department of the Platte	2,038.79	120.00
Department of Texas	439.31	279.25
Total	22,898.06	5,577.59

BOND-AIDED PACIFIC RAILROADS.

Six thousand seven hundred and twenty-six persons, 889 animals, and 34,307,732 pounds of freight were transported for the Army over the bond-aided Pacific railroads, their branches, and leased lines during the year. The service performed by each road is shown in the following table:

Company.	Persons transported.	Animals transported.	Freight transported.
			Pounds.
Union Pacific	4,215	544	16,877,556
Central Pacific (branches and leased lines operated by the Southern Pacific Company)	2,210	149	13,896,549
Sioux City and Pacific	301	196	3,533,627
Total	6,726	889	34,307,732

Seventeen hundred and seventy-three accounts of these railroads, aggregating $214,205.75, were received at this office during the year, examined, and transmitted for settlement through the Treasury, as required by law. Of this amount, $122,643.56 inured to the Union Pacific; $90,674.41 to the Central Pacific, branches and leased lines operated by the Southern Pacific Company, and $887.78 to the Sioux City and Pacific Railway Company.

Of these accounts 996, aggregating $31,933.21, were for transportation service performed for other departments of the Government under the law of July 5, 1884, and of this amount $16,534.89 was for service over the Union Pacific, $15,383.15 over the Central Pacific, with its branches and leased lines operated by the Southern Pacific Company, and $15.17 over the Sioux City and Pacific Railway.

The following statement is an analysis of the accounts of these companies for the year, showing amounts for troops and stores and for bonded and nonbonded service, respectively:

Company.	Amount of accounts received in Quartermaster-General's Office.	Estimated amount of accounts not rendered.	Proportion inuring for troops.	Proportion inuring for stores.	Proportion subsidized.	Proportion unsubsidized.	Total amount.
Union Pacific	$122,643.56	$18,297.81	$50,522.76	$90,418.61	$134,911.45	$6,029.92	$140,941.37
Southern Pacific Co., operating Central Pacific R. R.	90,674.41	15,150.00	26,378.33	79,446.08	48,013.80	57,810.61	105,824.41
Sioux City and Pacific	887.78	773.66	471.94	1,189.50	1,612.92	48.52	1,661.44
Total	214,205.75	34,221.47	77,373.03	171,054.19	184,538.17	63,889.05	248,427.22

VESSELS IN SERVICE OF THE QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

This Department has kept in service, at points where constant use is required, ten steamboats which it owns. The cost of maintaining these, including repairs, for the year ended June 30, 1897, was $79,894.03, as follows:

Name.	Class.	Tonnage.	When purchased or built.	Cost or estimated value.
General Meigs	Propeller	175	May 11, 1892	$64,436.43
Ordnance	do	97	Sept. 1, 1883	27,870.80
Atlantic	Steam tug	60.31	Oct. 15, 1878	13,865.56
Thayer	Steam launch	32.36	Oct. 8, 1874	7,200.00
Hamilton	do	37.68	Feb. 1, 1875	7,800.00
Monroe	do	62.36	Nov. 30, 1875	15,200.00
Resolute	Steam tug	70.30	Nov. 14, 1879	17,947.46
General McDowell	Propeller	160	Nov. 17, 1886	56,150.00
General Rufus Ingalls	Alcohol-vapor launch	Unknown.	July 29, 1896	4,950.00
General D. H. Rucker	do	Unknown.	do	4,950.00

Name.	By whom employed.	Where employed.	Paid for repairs.	Paid for running expenses.	Total expenses.
General Meigs	Depot quartermaster	New York Harbor	$2,497.66	$12,879.59	$15,377.25
Ordnance	do	do	210.71	8,086.21	8,296.92
Atlantic	Post quartermaster	Governors Island	1,074.26	11,188.53	12,262.79
Thayer	do	do	2,709.64	320.82	3,030.46
Hamilton	do	Fort Slocum, New York Harbor.		4,420.39	4,420.39
Monroe	do	Fort Adams, R. I	1,307.06	4,196.71	5,503.77
Resolute	do	Boston, Mass	545.88	8,110.92	8,656.80
General McDowell	Chief quartermaster	San Francisco Harbor	1,441.10	20,203.75	21,644.85
General Rufus Ingalls	Post quartermaster	Governors Island		53.10	53.10
General D. H. Rucker	do	Fort Monroe, Va		647.70	647.70
Total			9,786.31	70,107.72	79,894.03

STATEMENT OF CHARTERED VESSELS.

The following is a list of vessels temporarily used at times during the year by charter and hire, showing cost of such service to have been $2,741.37.

Name.	Class.	Tonnage.	Period of service.	
			From—	To—
Sea Queen	Steam tug	100	Dec. 24, 1896	Dec. 24, 1896
Do	do	100	Jan. 14, 1897	Jan. 20, 1897
Urania	Naphtha launch	Unknown.	As desired.	
Nellie	Sloop	10	July 1, 1896	June 30, 1897
Peter B. Bradley	Steam tug	81.94	Nov. 22, 1896 Dec. 5, 1896	Nov. 24, 1896 Dec. 8, 1896
Alice	do	Unknown	Nov. 2, 1896 Nov. 5, 1896 Nov. 6, 1896	Nov. 2, 1896 Nov. 5, 1896 Nov. 6, 1896
Mobile	do	Unknown.	Dec. 18, 1896	Dec. 18, 1896
M. Cahill	Steam launch	Unknown	Sept. 1, 1896 Nov. 16, 1896 June 7, 10, 11, 18, 19, 21, and 22, 1897.	Sept. 2, 1896 Nov. 16, 1896
Ella Andrews	Steam tug	Unknown.	Feb. 2 and 26, 1897.	
D. B. Wood	do	Unknown.	Feb. 4 and 27, 1897.	
Not known	do	Unknown.	Unknown.	
Annie	do	Unknown.	July 1, 1896	Aug. 31, 1896
Sampson	do	Unknown	Oct. 6, 7, and 10, 1896. Oct. 24, 1896 June 17, 18, and 21, 1897.	Oct. 24, 1896
Unknown	Sailboat	Unknown.	July, 1896	Sept., 1896
Canby	Steam tug	Unknown.	June 4, 1897	June 4, 1897
N. B. Starbuck	do	70.58	Aug. 27, 1896	Aug. 27, 1896
Dorothy Annan	Propeller	99.26	Sept. 15, 1896	Oct. 12, 1896
Sallie	Steam tug	Unknown.	June 10, 1897	June 23, 1897

Name.	Where and by whom employed.	Rate.	Earnings.	Remarks.
Sea Queen	Chief quartermaster, San Francisco, Cal.	$50 per day	$50.00	Substitute for the General McDowell while disabled.
Do	do	$70 per day	420.00	Substitute for the General McDowell while being repaired.
Urania	Quartermaster, San Diego Barracks, Cal.	$3.50 per trip	59.50	Carrying officers on official visits to men-of-war in San Diego Harbor.
Nellie	Quartermaster, Fort Adams, R. I.	$5 per day	381.00	Replacing Monroe.
Peter B. Bradley	Depot quartermaster, Boston, Mass.	$10 round trip	110.00	Replacing Resolute.
Alice	Quartermaster, Fort Barrancas, Fla.	$15 per day	45.00	Towing and placing targets.
Mobile	do	The trip	30.00	Mobile, Ala., to Fort Gaines, Ala., moving ill soldier (Ordnance Sergeant Benjamin).
M. Cahill	Quartermaster, Governors Island, N. Y.	$20 per day	40.00 20.00 140.00	Setting targets at Forts Hamilton and Wadsworth, New York Harbor.
Ella Andrews	Quartermaster, Jackson Barracks, La.	$10 the trip	20.00	Carrying officers on official visits to men-of-war in harbor.
D. B. Wood	do	$15 the trip	30.00	Do.
Not known	Quartermaster, Key West Barracks, Fla.	The job	40.00	Placing and recovering targets.
Annie	Quartermaster, Fort Monroe, Va.	$3 per hour	412.50	Setting targets.
Sampson	Quartermaster, Fort Preble, Me.	The job	12.00 3.00 12.50	Do. Transporting engineer stores, Portland to Fort Gorges, Me. Setting targets.
Unknown	Quartermaster, Madison Barracks, N. Y.	$10 round trip	94.50	Transporting rations, etc., from post to target range.
Canby	Quartermaster, Fort Canby, Wash.	$19 per day	19.00	Placing targets.
N. B. Starbuck	Depot quartermaster, New York Harbor.	$25 per day	25.00	Towing targets at Fort Wadsworth, New York Harbor.
Dorothy Annan	do	$22 per day	616.00	Replacing Ordnance, undergoing repairs.
Sallie	Quartermaster, Fort Monroe, Va.	$2.50 per hour	161.87	Setting targets.
Total			2,741.37	

ACCOUNTS AND CLAIMS FOR TRANSPORTATION AND TELEGRAPHING.

The records show that 4,260 accounts and claims, amounting to $274,085.87 were received, examined, and transmitted for settlement in this branch during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897.

Of these, 267 accounts, amounting to $21,207.26, were chargeable to the appropriation for army transportation for the several years in which the services were rendered; 1,773 accounts, amounting to $214,205.75, were for transportation over the bond-aided Pacific railroads, their branches and leased lines; 1,652 accounts, amounting to $32,489.70, (exclusive of 996 accounts of the bond-aided Pacific roads amounting to $31,933.21) were for other Departments of the Government and were payable from the appropriations for the several Departments for which the services were performed; and 568 accounts, amounting to $6,183.16, were for the transmission of telegraphic messages upon official military business.

CAVALRY AND ARTILLERY HORSES.

There have been 888 cavalry and 81 artillery horses provided from funds of the fiscal year 1897, at an average cost for cavalry horses of $133.10 each and for artillery horses of $146 each.

Forty-two team horses and 344 mules were purchased from same funds at a cost of $37,685.53, the average cost of the former being $158.54 each and the latter $90.19 each.

During the fiscal year there were sold and died 1,061 cavalry and artillery horses, 30 team horses, and 305 mules (no other casualties being reported), leaving on hand at the close of the year 6,006 cavalry and artillery horses, 525 team horses, and 3,148 mules.

Animals purchased, sold, died, etc., during the year.

	Cavalry and artillery horses.	Team horses.	Mules.
On hand July 1, 1896	6,004	238	3,082
Purchased	1,063	317	371
	7,067	555	3,453
Sold	871	23	237
Died	190	7	68
	1,061	30	305
On hand July 1, 1897	6,006	525	3,148

Statement of draft and pack animals purchased and disposed of during the fiscal year 1897.

For what department, depot, or post.	Horses.			Mules.			Number of animals sold and died.	
	Number.	Total cost.	Average cost each.	Number.	Total cost.	Average cost each.	Horses.	Mules.
Department of the East	17	$2,641.50	$155.38	16	$1,491.40	$93.21	10	14
Department of the Missouri	5	810.00	162.00	67	5,908.40	88.19	3	48
Department of Dakota	2	400.00	200.00	41	3,435.20	83.79	5	36
Department of the Colorado	3	425.00	141.67	67	5,439.20	81.18	2	76
Department of the Columbia	2	175.00	87.50	12	1,620.00	135.00	3	19
Department of California				52	5,676.00	109.15	2	42
Department of Texas				40	3,156.20	78.91		15
Department of the Platte	1	107.50		48	4,204.23	87.59		49
West Point, N. Y	6	849.50	141.58	1	96.40		2	1
Washington depot	2	600.00	300.00				1	2
St. Louis depot								2
Philadelphia depot	2	350.00	175.00				1	
San Francisco depot	2	300.00	150.00					
Benicia Arsenal								1
Willets Point, N. Y							1	
Total	42	6,658.50	158.54	344	31,027.03	90.19	30	305

REGULAR SUPPLIES.

This branch has charge of all matters relating to the procurement and distribution of supplies, stoves and heating apparatus, and repair and maintenance of same, for heating barracks and quarters; of ranges, stoves, and apparatus for cooking; of fuel and lights for enlisted men, guards, hospitals, storehouses, and offices, and for sales to officers; of equipment of bakehouses to carry on post bakeries; of the necessary furniture, text-books, paper, and equipments for the post schools; for the tableware and mess furniture for kitchens and mess halls for enlisted men; of forage and bedding for the public animals of the Quartermaster's Department, and for the authorized number of officers' horses; of straw for soldiers' bedding; of stationery and blank books for the Quartermaster's Department, certificates for discharged soldiers, blank forms

for the Paymaster's and Quartermaster's Departments, and of the necessary correspondence connected with the work of this branch.

This branch has also charge of matters relating to all contracts to which the Quartermaster's Department is a party.

CONTRACTS.

During fiscal year ended June 30, 1897, 1,160 contracts were received, examined, and filed in this office. Seven hundred and fifty-one were for 33,451,210 pounds of oats, 58,212,090 pounds of hay, 7,509,100 pounds of straw, 3,879,300 pounds of bran, 248,163,207 pounds of coal, 5,590,490 pounds of corn, 5,109,990 pounds of barley, 65,444 cords of wood, 7,155 bushels of charcoal, and 40,000 pounds of middlings; 66 for clothing, camp, and garrison equipage; 31 for transportation; 6 for packing boxes; 10 for roadways and sidewalks; 54 for leases; 5 for mineral oil; 12 for water and water supply; 8 for services; 1 for illuminating gas; 12 for printing; 76 for buildings and building material; 24 for plumbing and gas piping; 26 for horses and mules; 13 for heating apparatus; 12 for repair of buildings; 3 for sewerage; 2 for telephones; 1 for repair of steamer; 1 for stoves and ranges; 2 for wagons and wagon parts; 2 for lockers; 6 for tableware and kitchen utensils; 2 for gasoline; 1 for barrels; 1 for tunneling; 3 for drainage; 1 for steel trestle and water tank; 1 for pumping engine and fixtures; 3 for stone walls; 1 for top-soil for parade ground; 2 for grading; 1 for sea wall; 1 for wagonette; 2 for lamps; 2 for remodeling heating plants; 1 for railroad track; 2 for rubber hose; 2 for steel bridges; 1 for headstones; 1 for reservation for interments; 1 for repair of wharf; 1 for railroad trestle; 1 for gas fixtures, globes, etc.; 1 for removal of remains of soldiers; 1 for office furniture; 2 for typewriters; and 1 for artesian well.

PURCHASES AT GENERAL DEPOTS.

The following are the payments made by quartermasters for purchases for the Army at general depots for use thereat, and for shipment elsewhere, during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897, from appropriations pertaining to that period:

Depots.	Regular supplies.	Incidental expenses.	Barracks and quarters.	Army transportation.	Total.
Jeffersonville	$39,564.17	$3,649.76	$460.25	$22,440.79	$66,114.97
New York	65,090.51	4,780.07	180.42	28,270.63	98,321.63
Philadelphia	15,318.27	589.14	1,069.15	9,260.12	26,236.68
St. Louis	12,018.53	297.86	109.62	29,604.04	42,030.05
San Francisco	14,333.75	2,112.50	18,644.41	11,025.42	46,116.08
Washington	63,380.70	537.45	38.70	4,565.05	68,521.90
Total	209,705.93	11,966.78	20,502.55	105,166.05	347,341.31

TABLEWARE AND KITCHEN UTENSILS.

Total cost of all tableware and kitchen utensils purchased at Philadelphia depot amounted to $8,422.59.

Respectfully,

CHAS. BIRD,
Major and Quartermaster, United States Army.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., August 12, 1897.

GENERAL: I have the honor to submit my report of the work of the construction and repair devision of this office during the past fiscal year:

Congress by the act making appropriations for the support of the Army, approved March 16, 1896, under head of "Barracks and quarters" provided		$750,000.00
In the act making appropriations for fortifications, etc., approved June 6, 1896, it was provided that of the $2,500,000 appropriated for gun and mortar batteries, a sum "not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars may be expended for the construction of necessary buildings connected therewith"		100,000.00
Total		850,000.00
Authorized for construction and repairs	$741,153.82	
Authorized for rent of recruiting stations, lodgings for recruits, etc	19,010.90	
Authorized for labor and for rent of offices, barracks, quarters, etc	89,777.59	
		849,942.31
Balance June 30, 1897		57.69

NEW CONSTRUCTION.

During the year there has been authorized from the barracks and quarters appropriation, for the erection of public buildings at different military posts, consisting of barracks, officers' quarters, storehouses, stables, etc., the sum of $468,183.81.

For the construction and repair of hospitals at military posts already established and occupied, there has been authorized from the appropriation for that purpose expenditures amounting to $74,852.82.

REPAIRS.

There has been authorized for repairs, alterations, and improvements in connection with public buildings, and for the purchase of building materials and tools at various posts, from the barracks and quarters appropriation, expenditures amounting to $272,970.01.

The different military departments, depots, etc., to which the barracks and quarters appropriation has been allotted are shown in the following statement:

Recapitulation of the expenditures authorized for construction, repairs, etc., from the appropriation for barracks and quarters, 1896–97:

Department, depot, etc.	Construction.	Repairs.	Total.
Department of the East	$353,287.43	$101,387.69	$454,675.12
Department of the Missouri	31,344.37	41,487.94	72,832.31
Department of the Platte	19,934.65	21,170.31	41,104.96
Department of Dakota	12,519.30	25,269.21	37,788.51
Department of Texas	11,095.22	22,664.08	33,759.30
Department of the Colorado	27,367.88	31,645.77	59,013.65
Department of California	550.00	11,922.54	12,472.54
Department of the Columbia	1,637.69	9,294.30	10,931.99
Jeffersonville Depot		1,210.00	1,210.00
New York Depot		248.87	248.87
Philadelphia Depot	1,094.25	1,889.90	2,984.15
St. Louis Depot		1,177.08	1,177.08
San Francisco Depot		90.00	90.00
Washington Depot		12.75	12.75
Willets Point	9,353.02	3,227.57	12,580.59
Hot Springs Army and Navy General Hospital		272.00	272.00
Total	468,183.81	272,970.01	741,153.82

The following list shows the different buildings which have been authorized to be constructed at the various posts, the expenditures therefor being included in the foregoing statement under the head of "Construction:"

Post.	Designation.	Material.	Amount authorized.
Department of the East.			
Fort Adams	Wagon shed	Wood	$2,150.00
	Gun shed	do	3,392.50
	Relocator house	do	120.00
Fort Barrancas	Kitchen addition to noncommissioned staff officers' quarters.	do	389.79
	Iron piazzas on barracks	Iron	4,130.00
	Ordnance storehouse	Wood	1,661.61
Fort Delaware	Earth closets	do	1,650.00
Fort Ethan Allen	Ordnance storehouse	Brick	1,399.50
Finns Point	Temporary barracks and earth closet	Wood	1,785.00
Governors Island	Quartermaster's stable	Brick	5,872.00
	1 double set noncommissioned staff officers' quarters.	do	4,412.00
Fort Hamilton	3 double sets noncommissioned staff officers' quarters.	do	12,342.00
Fort Hancock	Administration building	do	9,675.00
	Guardhouse	do	8,295.00
	Quartermaster and subsistence storehouse	do	10,175.00
	Fuel storehouse	Wood	3,375.00
	Shop building	Brick	3,745.00
	Stable	do	8,175.00
	Wagon shed	Wood	2,425.00
	2 double sets noncommissioned staff officers' quarters.	Brick	8,790.00
	4 barracks	do	67,900.00
	Commanding officer's quarters	do	7,725.00
	6 captains' quarters	do	74,370.00
	11 lieutenants' quarters	do	78,375.00
	Quarters for 4 bachelor officers	do	12,028.00
	Engineers' quarters	Wood	1,500.00
			296,553.00
	Less amount charged to military posts		80,000.00
			216,553.00
Key West Barracks	1 addition each to quarters Nos. 4 and 8	Wood	8,821.82
Madison Barracks	1 double set officers' quarters	Brick	13,877.50
	Shelter for hose cart	Wood	41.00
	Ordnance storehouse	Brick	1,435.00
Fort McHenry	Fuel sheds	Wood	176.91
Fort McPherson	Subsistence storehouse	Brick	7,200.00
Fort Myer	Wagon shed	Wood	225.00
	Band stand	do	500.00
Fort Niagara	Wagon shed	do	863.00
	Corral	do	94.95
	Wood shed and shop building	do	576.00
Plattsburg Barracks	3 double sets officers' quarters	Brick	37,800.00
	Extra work on same		1,459.73
	Finishing attics of 9 double sets officers' quarters.	Brick	2,787.12
	Subsistence storehouse	do	7,288.00
Fort Porter	3 double sets officers' quarters	do	16,500.00
	1 double set noncommissioned staff officers' quarters.	do	2,995.00
			19,495.00
	Less amount charged to military posts		7,500.00
			11,995.00
Fort Schuyler	Coal shed	Wood	1,500.00
Fort Thomas	Fitting up basement of wagon shed for use as stable.	Brick	664.00
	Total		353,287.43
Department of the Missouri.			
Jefferson Barracks	2 double sets officers' quarters	Brick	23,920.00
Fort Leavenworth	Bathroom addition to commissary-sergeant's quarters, No. 96.	Wood	91.66
	Fence around shops, etc	do	299.30
Fort Logan H. Roots	Corral fence and wagon shed	do	577.00
	Engineers' quarters	do	1,047.00
	Earth closet for same	do	15.00
	Oil house	Iron	185.00

Post.	Designation.	Material.	Amount authorized.
Department of the Missouri—Continued.			
Fort Reno	Coal shed	Wood	3,043.61
Fort Sheridan	Cold-storage house	Brick	2,087.00
Fort Sill	Ambulance shed	Wood	78.80
	Total		31,344.37
Department of the Platte.			
Fort Crook	Addition to quartermaster storehouse	Brick	2,912.00
	Oil house	Iron	238.00
	Fence at quartermaster stable	Wood	61.10
	Band stand	do	81.25
Fort D. A. Russell	Two additions each to barracks Nos. 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 43 and 44, and 1 addition to band barracks, No. 42.	Brick	50,428.00
	Less amount charged to special appropriation		40,000.00
			10,428.00
Fort Meade	Two privies for new officers' quarters	Wood	289.30
Fort Niobrara	Addition of squad room to each of barracks, No. 13, 17, 18, 19 and 20.	do	5,925.00
	Total		19,934.65
Department of Dakota.			
Fort Assinniboine	Addition to office building No. 22	Brick	254.02
	Stable and wagon shed	Brick and wood.	5,095.00
	Rebuilding officers' quarters No. 5	Wood	2,012.10
Fort Harrison	Addition to wagon shed	do	567.00
	Oil house	Iron	235.00
	Hose-cart house	Wood	662.00
Fort Keogh	Earth closets for buildings Nos. 3, 5, 9, 12, 16, 45, 17, 19, 20, and 21, and converting 28 open-pit closets into earth closets.	do	3,521.08
Fort Missoula	Gymnasium	do	173.10
	Total		12,519.30
Department of Texas.			
Camp Eagle Pass	Kitchen addition to barrack No 7	Brick	630.96
Fort Ringgold	One double set of officers' quarters	do	9,400.00
Fort Sam Houston	Coal-room addition to mess hall	do	319.26
San Antonio	Addition to signal-service building	Brick	745.00
	Total		11,095.22
Department of California.			
Benicia Barracks	Oil house	Iron	200.00
Presidio of San Francisco	Temporary gun shed	Wood	350.00
	Total		550.00
Department of the Colorado.			
Fort Apache	Chapel and schoolroom	Wood	1,000.00
Fort Bayard	Saddle room for stable No. 27	do	159.87
	Additions to barracks Nos. 14, 15, and 16	Wood and brick.	4,330.67
Fort Douglas	Bath house	Brick	2,549.00
	Remodeling commanding officer's quarters	do	964.68
Fort Grant	Fire department building	Wood	607.72
	Addition to root house		75.00
	Knee board for new riding inclosure		165.75
Fort Logan	Balloon shelter	Wood	2,258.75
	Addition to quartermaster workshops	do	515.50
Fort Wingate	Barrack building	Adobe	14,148.94
	Addition to building No. 13 for use as band quarters.	do	592.00
	Total		27,367.88
Department of the Columbia.			
Boise Barracks	Wagon shed	Wood	146.37
Vancouver Barracks	Second story additions to barracks Nos. 35 and 41.	do	1,049.68
	Fence along line of officers' quarters		441.64
	Total		1,637.69
Depots and independent posts.			
Philadelphia depot	Addition to officers' quarters at Schuylkill Arsenal.	Brick	1,094.25
Willets Point	Additions to buildings Nos. 3, 53, and 86	Wood	137.02
	Quartermaster and subsistence storehouse		9,216.00
	Total		9,353.02

Authorizations have also been made from the appropriation for regular supplies, for construction of buildings, etc., as follows:

Post.	Designation.	Material.	Amount authorized.
Fort Adams, R. I	Forage storehouse	Brick	$3,939.00
Fort Apache, Ariz	Hay storehouse	Iron	3,660.80
Fort Brady, Mich	Forage storehouse	Brick	3,489.00
Fort Crook, Nebr	do	do	4,146.00
Fort Douglas, Utah	Hay storehouse	Wood	1,050.00
Fort Ethan Allen, Vt	Extension of forage storehouse	Brick	3,289.00
Fort Hancock, N. J	Bakery and oven	do	4,090.25
Fort Harrison, Mont	Forage storehouse	do	3,950.00
Fort Meade, S. Dak	Hay storehouse	Iron	2,995.00
Fort Niagara, N. Y	Forage storehouse	Brick	3,098.99
Fort Niobrara, Nebr	Hay storehouse	Iron	2,940.00
Presidio of San Francisco, Cal	Bakery and ovens	Brick	4,200.00
	Forage storehouse	Wood	9,939.00
Fort Robinson, Nebr	Hay storehouse	do	2,208.00
Fort Thomas, Ky	Forage storehouse	Brick	1,249.00
Fort Wayne, Mich	do	do	2,690.00
Willets Point, N. Y	Bakehouse and ovens	do	3,494.00
	Total		60,428.04

MILITARY POSTS.

In the act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, Congress provided $300,000 "for the construction of buildings at and the enlargement of such military posts as in the judgment of the Secretary of War may be necessary."

This sum has been apportioned as follows:

Post.	Character of work.		Allotment.
Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.	2 double barracks		$77,959.25
Jefferson Barracks	1 double barrack	$19,396.00	
	Printing and advertising	76.61	
			19,472.61
Plattsburg Barracks	4 company barracks	42,904.05	
	Printing and advertising	73.06	
			42,977.11
Fort Harrison	1 double barrack	32,924.00	
	1 double set officers' quarters	11,815.00	
		44,739.00	
	Less amount charged to special appropriation	40,000.00	
			4,739.00
Fort Hancock	Part cost of buildings enumerated under head of barracks and quarters.		80,000.00
Fort Ethan Allan	1 double set officers' quarters	$13,300.00	
	Band barrack	5,450.00	
	Printing and advertising	198.80	
			18,948.80
Fort Myer	Commanding officer's quarters	11,560.10	
	Converting old barrack No. 40 into quarters for 11 bachelor officers	7,905.00	
	Extra work on buildings, printing and advertising	129.88	
			19,594.98
Fort Wayne	1 double set officers' quarters	9,769.69	
	1 double set noncommissioned staff officers' quarters	3,102.00	
	Extra work on buildings, printing and advertising	599.60	
			13,471.29
Fort Hamilton	Quartermaster's stable	6,870.00	
	Printing	14.00	
			6,884.00
Fort Bliss	Subsistence storehouse		8,143.00
Fort Porter	3 double sets officers' quarters	16,500.00	
	1 double set noncommissioned staff officers' quarters	2,995.00	
		19,495.00	
	Less amount charged to barracks and quarters appropriation	11,995.00	
			7,500.00
	Balance June 30, 1897		309.96
	Total		300,000.00

The character and cost of the buildings authorized during the year at the different military posts, and chargeable to the amount indicated in the preceding table, are as stated below.

The expense of plumbing, heating, and gas piping in the buildings, unless otherwise shown, is chargeable to other appropriations of the Quartermaster's Department.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS, MO.

There has been built at this post during the year—

One double barrack (brick), No. 26	$19,396.00
Plumbing in same	1,976.00
Heating in same	2,990.00
Gas piping in same	180.00
Lockers in same	504.00
Total	25,046.00

PLATTSBURG BARRACKS, N. Y.

At this post there is being erected—

A four-company barrack (brick), Nos. 9 to 12	$45,016.05
Plumbing in same	5,009.37
Heating in same	8,852.75
Gas piping in same	300.00
Lockers in same	1,260.00
Total	60,438.17

FORT ETHAN ALLEN, VT.

At the above-named post the following are being erected under contract:

One double set officers' quarters (brick), No. 5	$13,300.00
Plumbing in same	1,165.00
Heating in same	1,120.00
Gas piping in same	65.00
Total	15,650.00
One band barrack (brick), No. 48	5,450.00
Plumbing in same	590.00
Heating in same	685.00
Gas piping in same	25.00
Total	6,750.00

FORT MYER, VA.

This post is being improved by the erection of—

One commanding officer's quarters (brick), No. 1	$11,560.10
Plumbing in same	1,072.00
Heating in same	1,373.00
Gas piping in same	308.00
Total	14,313.10
Converting old barrack No. 40 into quarters for 11 bachelor officers (wood)	7,905.00
Plumbing in same	1,942.00
Heating in same	1,680.00
Total	11,527.00

FORT HAMILTON, NEW YORK HARBOR.

At the above station there is being constructed—

One quartermaster stable (brick)	$6,870.00
Plumbing in same	384.00
Total	7,254,00

FORT BLISS, TEX.

At this post there has been authorized and contracted for—

One subsistence storehouse (brick), No. 49	$8,143.00

FORT PORTER,. N Y.

There is being built at the above-named post—

Three double sets officers' quarters (brick), Nos. 27, 28, and 29	$16,500.00
Plumbing in same	2,100.00
Heating in same	2,029.20
Gas piping in same	117.00
Total	20,746.20
One double set noncommissioned officers' quarters (brick), No. 30	2,995.00
Plumbing in same	321.00
Heating in same	75.00
Gas piping in same	33.00
Total	3,424.00

Seven thousand five hundred dollars only of the cost of these buildings is payable from the appropriation for military posts, and the remainder from other appropriations of this Department.

FORT WAYNE, MICH.

There are now under construction—

One double set officers' quarters (brick)	$9,892.29
Plumbing in same	1,071.10
Heating in same	971.00
Gas piping in same	60.00
Total	11,994.39
One double set noncommissioned staff officers' quarters (brick)	3,503.50
Plumbing in same	451.00
Heating in same	85.00
Gas piping in same	24.00
Total	4,063.50

In addition to the above, there has been expended for improvement of this military reservation, by the grading and filling in the river front, $20,000, which sum was appropriated for that purpose by act approved June 11, 1896.

FORT HARRISON, MONT.

This post is being enlarged by the construction of the following buildings:

One double barrack (brick), No. 28	$32,924.00
Plumbing in same	2,646.00
Heating in same	4,142.00
Gas piping in same	250.00
Lockers in same	476.00
Total	40,438.00

One double set officers' quarters (brick), No 26	$11,815.00
Plumbing in same	1,055.00
Heating in same	1,416.00
Gas piping in same	93.00
Total	14,379.00

The cost of the above structures is being paid from the $40,000 appropriated by the act of Congress of June 11, 1896, and other funds of the Quartermaster's Department, including $4,739 of the appropriation for military posts.

PRESIDIO OF SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Further improvements have been made at this post during the year by the erection of the following-named buildings and other work on the reservation:

Two double barracks (brick), Nos. 4 and 5	$77,959.25
Plumbing in same	4,250.00
Gas piping in same	290.00
Lockers in same	1,500.00
Total	83,999.25

TREES AND TREE CULTURE.

During the months of January, February, and March, 1897, there were planted 1,290 pine trees, 20,920 cypress, 20,760 eucalyptus, and 50 acacia. These trees were planted to fill vacant spaces caused by trees that died or that had been destroyed by storms, etc.

INCLOSING FENCES.

Portion of fence along southern boundary of the reservation and wooden fence west of Central avenue gateway were removed to admit of construction of inclosing wall, and necessary repairs were made to fences inclosing trees, etc.

ROADWAYS.

Construction of roadway to connect McDowell avenue with the road in the ravine to the southwest of the San Francisco National Cemetery, under contract with McCoy & O'Neil, continued during the first six months of the fiscal year; the contractors being without means to properly carry on the work, and the contract having expired, the roadway was completed by the depot quartermaster under the failure clause of the contract.

BRIDGES.

To preserve the bridge which crosses the arm of Mountain Lake it was thoroughly lime washed.

GATEWAYS AND WALLS.

The iron gates at First avenue and Lombard street entrances were cleaned, scraped, and the old paint removed, and newly painted.

Construction of stone wing walls to new gateways at Lombard street and First avenue entrances were completed.

Inclosing wall along boundaries of the reservation, under contract with George M. Perine, was completed and accepted.

Construction of inclosing wall under contract with A. E. Buckman has progressed slowly owing to the contractor being unable to obtain rock in sufficient quantities of the required color to keep his masons at

work. On account of the great depression in the ground it was found necessary to lay additional concrete footings. The amount available for building of the wall is $7,081.44, or about 80 per cent of the number of feet of wall contracted for; if this amount will not build the 80 per cent, the contractor is willing to waive his rights to build the full number of feet on account of the additional footings put in. To date 750 feet of wall has been built, and 1,010 cubic feet of additional concrete foundation has been put in.

The following is a statement of expenditures during the year from the special appropriations made for the above purposes, and their condition on June 30, 1897, viz:

From appropriation of $10,000, act of Congress approved March 2, 1895, fiscal year 1895–96:	
Final payment to D. McPhee, for wing walls	$925.74
Hire of team and driver, in connection with tree culture	4.00
Expenditures previously reported	9,070.26
Total	10,000.00
From appropriation of $10,000, act of Congress approved March 3, 1893, no fiscal year:	
First and second partial payments made to James McCoy and James O'Neil, contractors for roadway	851.75
Final payment to George M. Perine, contractor for stone wall	7,461.65
Services of civil engineer, superintending construction of stone wall and roadway, making detailed drawings, etc	125.00
Hire of teams, foreman, mechanics, laborers, and purchase of necessary tools for construction of roadway under contract of James McCoy and James O'Neil, and charged against them under the failure clause of their contract	1,153.29
On hand to pay final voucher to James McCoy and James O'Neil, awaiting decision of Comptroller of Treasury	307.46
On hand not required	5.76
Expenditures previously reported	95.09
Total	10,000.00
From appropriation of $10,000, act of Congress approved June 11, 1896, fiscal year 1896–97:	
Services of civil engineer in charge of construction of wing walls, inclosing walls, and roadway, making detailed drawings, etc	707.50
Services of inspector of inclosing walls	572.50
Services of inspector of roadway	262.50
Services of rodman making survey of south line of Presidio Reservation	4.38
Hire of labor for cultivation of young trees, and repairing fences inclosing trees, etc	386.76
Planting trees	803.02
Cleaning and painting iron gates	128.00
Cleaning gutters of roadways	12.25
Advertising	38.40
Purchase of whitewash brushes	3.25
Balance on hand to pay for inclosing wall	7,081.44
Total	10,000.00

FORT HANCOCK, N. J.

The construction of a military post at Sandy Hook having been authorized by the Secretary of War, the following buildings have been contracted for and are now in process of erection, together with the water supply and sewer systems:

Four single barracks (brick)	$67,900.00
One administration building (brick)	9,675.00
One guardhouse (brick)	8,295.00

One quartermaster and subsistence storehouse (brick)	$10,175.00
One coal shed (wood)	3,375.00
One workshop (brick)	3,745.00
One bakehouse (brick)	4,090.25
One stable (brick)	8,175.00
One wagon shed (wood)	2,425.00
Two double sets noncommissioned staff officers' quarters (brick)	8,790.00
One commanding officers' quarters (brick)	7,725.00
Six captains' quarters (brick)	74,370.00
Eleven lieutenants' quarters (brick)	78,375.00
Plumbing in 28 of the above buildings	14,243.70
Heating apparatus in 24 of these buildings	22,066.00
Gas piping in 26 of these buildings	1,327.55
Total	324,752.50

Eighty thousand dollars of the appropriation for military posts is made chargeable to the cost of this work, the balance being taken from other funds of the Quartermaster's Department.

MILITARY POST AT SPOKANE, WASH.

For beginning the construction of permanent buildings, providing sewerage, water supply, and other necessary improvements at the above-named place, Congress by act of June 11, 1896, provided $100,000.

This money is being expended in the construction of—

Four double sets officers' quarters (brick), Nos. 11, 13, 15, and 17	$44,387.56
Plumbing in same	3,928.08
Heating in same	4,713.72
Gas piping in same	369.24
One double barrack (brick), No. 25	31,424.82
Plumbing in same	2,455.07
Heating in same	3,633.50
Gas piping in same	245.51
Two double sets noncommissioned staff officers' quarters (brick), Nos. 37 and 38	5,450.58
Plumbing in same	792.82
Gas piping in same	99.10
Total	97,500.00

FORT RILEY, KANS.

To continue construction of buildings at this post there was appropriated by act of June 11, 1896, $75,000, with which the following buildings have been contracted for and are being erected:

One artillery barrack and outhouse (stone), No. 92	$20,480.00
Plumbing in same	1,800.00
Heating in same	2,300.00
Total	24,580.00
Two double sets artillery officers' quarters (stone), Nos. 105 and 106	18,172.00
Plumbing in same	2,789.00
Heating in same	1,775.00
Gas piping in same	115.00
Total	22,851.00
One quartermaster stable (stone)	8,109.00
Five cavalry stable guard buildings (stone), Nos. 45, 59, 61, 63, and 65	4,975.00
One wagon and two ambulance sheds and stone wall	2,875.00
Total	15,959.00

Quartermaster shops and quarters (stone)	$7,100.00
Plumbing in same	670.00
Total	7,770.00
One office and stable guard building (stone)	881.00
Wall around quartermaster corral (stone)	501.60
One chapel and school building (stone)	11,500.00
Heating in same	600.00
Total	12,100.00

FORT D. A. RUSSELL, WYO.

To extend the barracks at this post, Congress appropriated, by act of June 11, 1896, $40,000, with which and other funds of this Department there has been built—

Seventeen brick additions to barracks, Nos. 35, 36, 37, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, and 44	$50,428.00
Plumbing in same	7,649.87
Lockers in same	1,595.00
Total	59,672.87

FORT MONROE.

By act of June 11, 1896, the sum of $15,000 was provided to erect upon the Government reservation of this post, to cover quarters for the postmaster and office accommodations for customs officer and United States commissioner, a post-office building, which is now being built under contract, after plans and specifications prepared in this office, at the following cost:

For construction	$11,940.00
Plumbing in same	570.00
For heating apparatus	1,022.00
For electric wiring	393.01
Total	13,925.01

MILITARY POST AT BISMARCK, N. DAK.

By the act of June 11, 1896, $40,000 was appropriated for beginning the construction of permanent buildings for a military post at Bismarck, which the Secretary of War was authorized to establish by the act of March 2, 1895, provided that a sufficient quantity of land, not less than 640 acres, suitable for the purpose should be donated free of cost to the United States.

As none of the sites offered by the citizens of Bismarck and vicinity were suitable for the establishing of a military post thereon, no steps have been taken for the erection of buildings at that place, and no portion of the funds provided for that special object has been expended.

Expenditures authorized for water supply, sewerage, plumbing, and drainage; also for roads, walks, grading, bridges, wharves, etc., chargeable to the appropriation for army transportation.

Post.	Water supply, sewerage, plumbing, and drainage.	Roads, walks, grading, bridges, etc.	Wharves.	Miscellaneous.
Fort Adams	$2,879.37	$110.95	$25.00	$64.00
Alcatraz Island	1,635.74	237.50	338.80	
Angel Island	1,020.03	550.00	5.28	2,380.00
Fort Apache	6,807.83			8.45
Arlington, Va		10,203.22		
Fort Assiniboine	2,176.06			
Fort Barrancas	364.56	500.00		827.12
Fort Bayard	1,333.57			12.00
Bazile Creek, Nebr		450.00		
Benicia Barracks	804.88	35.00		
Bismarck, N. Dak	1.05			
Fort Bliss	424.27	55.00		242.01
Boise Barracks	251.86	31.00		
Fort Brady	605.48	102.10		4.80
Fort Brown	624.70	352.75		2,994.12
Fort Canby	570.47			
Fort Clark	721.16			
Fort Clinch	110.00			125.00
Columbus Barracks	1,967.25	553.70		
Fort Columbus		3,071.73		
Fort Crook	182.45	904.50		64.65
Fort Custer	506.21	20.00		265.00
Fort D. A. Russell	8,175.69	500.00		436.00
Fort Delaware	2,325.00	1,045.00		
Denver, Colo	15.75			
Fort Douglas	7,724.17			
Fort Duchesne	221.80			39.15
Camp Eagle Pass	515.49	60.00		16.50
Fort Ethan Allen	2,848.41	3,694.85		516.00
Finns Point, N. J	199.83	31.00		
Governors Island	1,315.27	1,518.75		
Fort Grant	1,109.14			6.20
Fort Hamilton	2,214.43			243.70
Fort Hancock	49,841.23	19,950.06	1,389.00	8,187.00
Fort Harrison	4,837.83	178.00		
Hot Springs Army and Navy Hospital	13.00	174.65		
Fort Huachuca	563.18	300.41		
Jackson Barracks	1,395.26	730.60		
Jefferson Barracks	17,076.01	1,417.37		1,853.77
Jeffersonville Depot	170.00	1,162.00		
Fort Keogh	292.40			
Key West Barracks	1,902.41	49.00	222.21	173.50
Fort Leavenworth	1,721.09	288.80		313.69
Fort Logan H. Roots	864.65	2,621.12		498.04
Fort Logan	848.33	122.65		
Louisville, Ky	54.75			
Madison Barracks	5,318.67	57.50		333.39
Fort Macon	74.50			
Fort Mason	651.62		533.65	
Fort McHenry	882.33	185.50		44.40
Fort McIntosh	366.21			
Fort McPherson	488.74	227.50		
Fort Meade	829.39	411.75		
Fort Missoula	155.55	4.55		7.20
Fort Monroe	876.06	1,403.15		250.00
Fort Myer	5,804.64	5,768.93		1,715.89
New York City, N. Y	108.00			
Fort Niagara	8,055.08	738.00		9.35
Fort Niobrara	849.73	124.07		
Niobrara River, Nebr		254.15		
Fort Omaha	210.00			
Fort Ontario	57.92			
Philadelphia Depot	630.25	7.00		441.65
Fort Pickens, Fla	32.25			
Plattsburg Barracks	8,651.06	5,403.63		30.00
Fort Popham, Me	25.00			
Fort Porter	792.58	219.40		
Fort Preble	150.48	115.50		1,951.04
Presidio of San Francisco	10,543.32	973.00		515.00
Fort Reno	559.43	316.00		3.25
Fort Riley	6,822.48	1,476.06		2.27
Fort Ringgold	2,627.67	35.00		210.00
Fort Robinson	2,572.37	108.50		
St. Francis Barracks	495.98	162.50		
St. Louis, Mo	54.05	120.00		128.00
Fort Sam Houston	288.20	331.50		122.00
San Antonio	1,925.00	14.00		

Expenditures authorized for water supply, etc.—Continued.

Post.	Water supply, sewerage, plumbing, and drainage.	Roads, walks, grading, bridges, etc.	Wharves.	Miscellaneous.
San Carlos	$57.69			
San Diego Barracks	547.15			
San Francisco, Cal				$68.00
Sandy Hook, N. J		$9,168.00		90.00
Fort Schuyler	181.03	6,444.80	$25.00	35.40
Fort Sheridan	1,634.47	2.60		2,249.09
Fort Sherman	280.01	3.65		184.50
Fort Sill	8,264.75			2.50
New post near Spokane, Wash				60.00
Fort Slocum	815.07	279.85	50.25	1,035.00
Fort Snelling	1,616.24	12.00		10.00
Fort Spokane	352.72			
Fort Thomas	534.06	319.80		
Fort Trumbull	654.53			75.00
Vancouver Barracks	509.60	304.50		409.25
Vancouver depot	787.77			
Fort Wadsworth	1,146.66	18.00		
Fort Walla Walla	625.16	37.50		
Fort Warren	624.44		950.00	
Fort Washakie	282.85			
Washington, D. C				12.50
Washington Barracks	861.31	1,598.95		132.72
Fort Washington, Md	63.00			400.00
Fort Wayne	1,972.49	75.00		10.00
West Point, N. Y	487.18			148.70
Whipple Barracks	151.06			
Willets Point	3,455.56	543.50		
Fort Wingate	2,217.93			1,048.00
Winthrop, Mass	327.74			
Fort Yates	437.67	32.72		
Fort Yellowstone	229.87	95.26		
Miscellaneous	5,612.96			
Total	224,881.39	88,415.03	3,539.19	31,004.80

Grand total, $347,840.41.

Expenditures authorized for lighting, heating, and cooking apparatus, chargeable to the appropriation for regular supplies for 1896–97.

Station.	Amount.	Station.	Amount.
Fort Adams, R. I	$24.07	Fort Monroe, Va	$2,970.15
Fort Assiniboine, Mont	189.88	Fort Myer, Va	3,538.70
Fort Bayard, N. Mex	2.38	Fort Niagara, N. Y	72.50
Benicia Barracks, Cal	137.70	Fort Niobrara, Nebr	739.00
Fort Bliss, Tex	148.68	Omaha Depot, Nebr	56.65
Boston, Mass	50.00	Philadelphia Depot, Pa	85.00
Fort Brady, Mich	64.74	Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y	21,288.53
Fort Canby, Wash	16.00	Fort Preble, Me	42.96
Fort Clark, Tex	100.70	Presidio of San Francisco, Cal	355.00
Columbus Barracks, Ohio	1,356.17	Fort Reno, Okla	2.00
Fort Crook, Nebr	22.40	Fort Riley, Kans	5,121.43
Fort Custer, Mont	159.50	St. Francis Barracks, Fla	35.00
Fort Delaware, Del	154.74	St. Paul, Minn	977.67
Denver, Colo	3.40	Fort Sam Houston, Tex	246.45
Fort Douglas, Utah	457.50	San Antonio, Tex	101.20
Camp Eagle Pass, Tex	20.00	San Francisco Depot, Cal	9.00
Fort Ethan Allen, Vt	1,937.56	Fort Schuyler, N. Y	106.00
Governors Island, New York Harbor	381.00	Fort Sheridan, Ill	2,147.58
Fort Hamilton, N. Y	322.00	Fort Sherman, Idaho	41.50
Fort Hancock, N. J	24,383.55	Fort Sill, Okla	22.00
Fort Harrison, Mont	6,345.25	Fort Slocum, N. Y	118.65
Hot Springs Army and Navy Hospital, Ark	144.80	Fort Snelling, Minn	1,755.75
Jefferson Barracks, Mo	7,434.31	Spokane, Wash. (new post)	7.50
Jeffersonville Depot, Ind	598.32	Fort Thomas, Ky	1,077.26
Fort Keogh, Mont	48.75	Fort Trumbull, Conn	110.00
Fort Leavenworth, Kans	2,282.04	Fort Wadsworth, N. Y	1,855.95
Fort Logan, Colo	114.40	Fort Warren, Mass	80.00
Fort Logan H. Roots, Ark	3.00	Washington Barracks, D. C	855.58
Madison Barracks, N. Y	9,359.76	Fort Wayne, Mich	1,140.00
Fort Mason, Cal	501.00	Willets Point, N. Y	1,740.44
Fort McHenry, Md	57.50	Winthrop, Mass	83.00
Fort McPherson, Ga	22.75	Fort Yates, N. Dak	13.00
Fort Meade, S. Dak	60.00	Total	103,699.30

For shelter, shooting galleries, ranges for small-arms target practice, repairs and expenses incident thereto Congress, in the act making appropriations for the support of the Army, approved March 16, 1896, provided $10,000, which has been apportioned as follows:

Department.	Character of work.	Amount.
Department of the East	Repairs, etc	$729.65
Department of the Missouri	do	5,082.60
Department of the Platte	do	696.37
Department of Dakota	do	74.78
Department of Texas	do	1,133.92
Department of the Colorado	do	969.79
Department of California	do	1,097.25
Department of the Columbia	do	215.64
Total		10,000.00

HOSPITALS.

In the act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, Congress appropriated $75,000 for construction and repairs of hospitals at military posts already established and occupied, including the extra-duty pay of enlisted men employed on the same, and including also all expenditures for construction and repairs required at the Army and Navy Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., except quarters for the officers. This fund has been disbursed by officers of the Quartermaster's Department on estimates approved by the Surgeon-General of the Army, as follows:

Department and post.	Amount.
Department of the East.	
Fort Adams	$710.85
Fort Barrancas	285.55
Columbus Barracks	108.82
Fort Delaware	1,188.00
Fort Ethan Allen	12.27
Jackson Barracks	553.00
Key West Barracks	416.44
Madison Barracks	399.98
Fort McHenry	3.50
Fort McPherson	515.00
Fort Monroe	21,170.58
Fort Myer	671.10
Fort Niagara	276.92
Plattsburg Barracks	246.20
Fort Schuyler	10.88
St. Francis Barracks	3.00
Fort Slocum	150.00
Fort Thomas	2.25
Fort Wadsworth	16,297.10
Fort Warren	20.94
Washington Barracks	1,224.61
Total	44,266.99
Department of the Missouri.	
Fort Brady	239.89
Jefferson Barracks	4,626.71
Port Leavenworth	3,936.00
Fort Logan H. Roots	75.15
Fort Riley	285.77
Fort Sheridan	87.96
Fort Sill	268.45
Fort Wayne	140.60
Total	9,660.53

Department and post.	Amount.
Department of the Platte.	
Fort Crook	$151.90
Fort D. A. Russell	700.00
Fort Niobrara	2,976.75
Fort Robinson	800.00
Fort Washakie	499.80
Total	5,128.45
Department of Dakota.	
Fort Assinniboine	156.13
Fort Custer	149.73
Fort Harrison	252.85
Fort Keogh	300.00
Fort Missoula	399.86
Fort Snelling	981.36
Fort Yates	156.92
Fort Yellowstone	387.81
Total	2,784.66
Department of Texas.	
Fort Bliss	263.10
Fort Brown	436.05
Fort Clark	200.00
Camp Eagle Pass	308.95
Fort McIntosh	707.00
Fort Ringgold	135.11
Fort Sam Houston	299.90
Total	2,350.11

Department and post.	Amount.	Department and post.	Amount.
Department of California.		*Department of the Columbia.*	
Alcatraz Island	$62.48	Boise Barracks	$15.38
Angel Island	417.29	Fort Canby	178.84
Fort Mason	123.75	Fort Spokane	49.93
Presidio of San Francisco	3,423.55	Vancouver Barracks	647.92
		Fort Walla Walla	139.07
Total	4,027.07	Total	1,031.14
Department of the Colorado.		*Independent posts.*	
Fort Apache	156.71		
Fort Douglas	2,151.36	Hot Springs Army and Navy Hospital	840.00
Fort Grant	699.25	Willets Point	163.22
Fort Huachuca	299.00		
Fort Logan	885.22	Total	1,003.22
San Carlos	150.00		
Whipple Barracks	259.11	Balance June 30, 1897	147.18
Total	4,600.65	Grand total	75,000.00

The above statement includes a new hospital under construction at Fort Monroe, Va., at a cost of $17,954.38; a new hospital under construction at Fort Wadsworth, N. Y., at a cost of $16,240; and a building for dormitory, etc., at Fort Leavenworth, Kans., which has been completed at a cost of $2,906.

HOSPITAL STEWARDS' QUARTERS.

In the army appropriation act for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, Congress also appropriated $7,000 for construction of quarters for hospital stewards at military posts already established and occupied, including the extra duty pay of enlisted men employed on same. This sum has been apportioned to the posts named below:

Post	Amount.	Post	Amount.
Fort Adams	$48.00	Fort Monroe	$37.18
Fort Apache	16.66	Fort Myer	3,824.50
Fort Brady	20.50	Fort Niobrara	68.48
Fort Brown	69.78	Fort Porter	28.23
Columbus Barracks	19.40	Presidio of San Francisco	130.00
Fort Custer	69.62	Fort Riley	161.27
Fort Grant	68.08	Fort Robinson	72.00
Fort Harrison	504.63	Fort Schuyler	31.97
Jackson Barracks	120.00	Fort Slocum	56.00
Jefferson Barracks	121.60	Fort Sill	49.20
Fort Keogh	74.63	Fort Snelling	215.10
Fort Logan	10.95	Fort Spokane	8.00
Fort Logan H. Roots	23.00	Washington Barracks	182.40
Madison Barracks	225.00	Fort Wayne	63.00
Fort Mason	38.00	Willets Point	44.60
Fort McHenry	6.00	Balance June 30, 1897	73.86
Fort McPherson	102.00		
Fort Meade	259.90	Total	7,000.00
Fort Missoula	156.46		

Included in the above is a set of steward's quarters at Fort Myer, Va., completed at cost of $3,086.66.

DAMAGES BY STORMS.

On July 7, 1896, the wharf and boathouse at Fort Barrancas, Fla., were swept away by a storm. The cost of rebuilding same was estimated at $2,100. At the same time buildings at the post were damaged to the extent of about $193. The iron flagstaff was also wrecked, for a repair of which $350 has been allotted.

On May 18, 1897, Fort Bayard, N. Mex., was struck by a violent windstorm. Sixty-three feet of roof was blown off the quartermaster's storeroom (building No. 22) and completely demolished, and 100 feet of the corral (No. 26) and 100 feet of fence were blown down.

Losses by fire.

Post.	Building.	Damages.
Fort Wingate, N. Mex.	Barracks for 8 companies (Nos. 24 to 27 and 29 to 32).	Destroyed.
	Coal sheds for same (Nos. 24 to 27 B and 29 to 32 B).	Do.
	Bath and wash houses (Nos. 14, 15, 16, and 17).	Do.
	1 double and 2 single sets officers' quarters (Nos. 10, 11, and 12).	Do.
	Administration building (No. 18)	Do.
	Post chapel (No. 19)	Do.
	Ordnance storehouse (No. 23)	Do.
Fort Du Chesne, Utah	Engine house	Do.
Fort Apache, Ariz	Cavalry stable (No. 3 C)	About $250 damaged.
Fort Assiniboine, Mont	1 double set officers' quarters (No. 5)	About $2,000 damaged.
Fort Niobrara, Nebr	Gymnasium (No. 22)	Slightly damaged.
Washington Barracks, D. C.	Officers' quarters (No. 22, building No. 15)	Do.
Fort Ringgold, Tex	1 double set officers' quarters (Nos. 6 and 7).	Destroyed.
Fort Keogh, Mont	Hospital (No. 23)	Slightly damaged.
	Noncommissioned staff officers' quarters (No. 55).	Do.
	Noncommissioned staff officers' quarters (No. 22).	Do.
Fort Sam Houston, Tex	Officers' quarters (No. 35)	About $290 damage.
Fort Custer, Mont	Post exchange (No. 20)	Destroyed.
	Teamsters' mess, etc. (No. 24)	Destroyed; building worthless.
Fort Missoula, Mont	Barracks (No. 21)	Slightly damaged.
Jefferson Barracks, Mo	Offices and quarters for enlisted men (No. A).	Destroyed.
	Teamsters' mess (No. O)	Upper portion destroyed.
Fort Bayard, N. Mex	Bakery (No. 31)	Slightly damaged.
Fort Spokane, Wash	One double set officers' quarters (Nos. 9 and 10).	Destroyed.
Fort Huachuca, Ariz	Cavalry stable (No. 33)	Do.

Statement of property rented by the Quartermaster's Department for use as offices, barracks, quarters, encampments, etc., during the fiscal year, and the amount of rent paid therefor.

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST.

Post or station.	Kind of property.	Purpose for which used.	Monthly rate of rent.	Total amount for year.
Boston, Mass	8 rooms	Offices and storerooms, quartermaster and subsistence departments.	$90.00	$1,080.00
Baltimore, Md	2 rooms	Offices quartermaster's department	47.92	143.75
New Orleans, La	Building	Offices and storerooms, quartermaster and subsistence departments.	83.33	999.96
Atlanta, Ga	2 rooms	Office paymaster	25.00	300.00
	do	Office qartermaster	25.00	275.00
Winston, Ga	Ground	Camp for battalion Fifth Infantry en route Waco, Ga., to Fort McPherson, Ga.		5.00
Washington, D. C	1 room	Quarters for veterinary surgeon, Fort Myer, Va.	12.00	144.00
Plattsburg, N. Y	do	Stable	7.00	84.00
Newport, Ky		Stable accommodations for public animals.	10.00	16.00
Fort Myer Heights, Va.	1 room	Hospital steward's quarters	12.00	18.00
Kendall, Parma, Hilton, Carlyon, Wilson, and Somerset, N. Y.	Grounds	Camp for Thirteenth Infantry on practice march.		37.80
Fernaudina, Fla	5 rooms	Quarters' ordnance sergeant at Fort Clinch, Fla.	10.00	68.00
St. Augustine, Fla	12 rooms	Quarters for N. C. S. officers	20.00	50.00
Charlotte, Addison, Middlebury, Vt., and Fort Ann, N. Y.	Grounds	Camp for Third Cavalry, Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., while on practice march.		30.00
New York	Grounds	Camp for Light Battery K, First Artillery, while on practice march Fort Hamilton to Catskill Mountains.		77.00
Cape Cod Peninsula, Mass.	do	Camp for Light Battery, Fourth Artillery, while on practice march.		19.50

Statement of property rented by the Quartermaster's Department, etc.—Continued.

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST—Continued.

Post or station.	Kind of property.	Purpose for which used.	Monthly rate of rent.	Total amount for year.
Kentucky	Grounds	Camp for Sixth Infantry while on practice march Fort Thomas to Licking River.		$75.00
Burlington, Vt.	1 room	Office constructing quartermaster, Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.	$14.58	175.00
	Building	Stable for public animals	12.00	144.00
Total				3,742.01

DEPARTMENT OF THE MISSOURI.

Chicago, Ill.	28 rooms	Offices, headquarters department	$1,000.00	$12,000.00
	Building	Offices, subsistence department, and storehouses for quartermaster and subsistence department.	416.66	4,999.92
	do	Stables for animals of the quartermaster's department.	150.00	1,800.00
	1 room	Quarters for hospital steward	12.00	144.00
	do	Quarters for signal sergeant	12.00	144.00
	2 rooms	Office of quartermaster purchasing cavalry and artillery horses.	30.00	325.00
	1 room	Storeroom quartermaster purchasing cavalry and artillery horses.	15.00	90.00
Kansas City, Mo.	2 rooms	Office, subsistence department	60.00	720.00
	1 room	Quarters commissary sergeant	10.00	120.00
Rush Springs, Ind. T.		Shelter for teamsters	25.00	300.00
Detroit, Mich.	Building	Office and drafting, constructing quartermaster, Fort Wayne, Mich.	25.00	300.00
Easton, Osawkie, Winchester, Silver Lake, St. Mary's, Manhattan, and Wamego, Kans.	Grounds	Camp for troops on practice march from Fort Leavenworth.		162.00
Clarenceville, New Hudson, Brighton, Fleming, Williamston, Lansing, Novi, and Sand Hills, Mich.		Camp for troops changing stations from Fort Brady to Fort Wayne.		87.85
Six Mile House, Farmington, New Hudson, Mich.	Grounds	Camp for troops from Fort Wayne, Mich., on march to and from encampments with the militia of the State of Michigan.		26.00
McHenry, Ill	do	Camp for troops from Fort Sheridan, Ill., on practice march.		10.00
Connors Creek, Mich	do	Camp for troops from Fort Wayne, Mich., on practice march.		30.00
Goldman, Mo	do	Camp for troops from Jefferson Barracks, Mo. Target practice.		4.00
Little Rock, Ark.	3 rooms	Office, constructing quartermaster new post.	30.00	136.00
	Building	Stable for public animals	5.00	22.67
Total				21,421.44

DEPARTMENT OF THE PLATTE.

Omaha, Nebr.	41 rooms	Offices, department headquarters	$666.67	$8,000.04
	1 room	Quarters for commissary sergeant	12.00	144.00
Ogden, Utah	2 rooms	Office and storeroom for quartermaster's agent.	25.00	300.00
Total				8,444.04

DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA.

St. Paul, Minn.	1 room	Quarters for signal sergeant	$12.00	$144.00
Camp Lakeview, Minn.	Grounds	Camp for troops from Fort Snelling on practice march.		113.00
Missoula, Mont.	do	Camp for troops from Fort Missoula on practice march.		3.00
Helena, Mont.	5 rooms	Offices, quartermaster's department	50.00	600.00
	1 room	Storeroom, quartermaster's department	10.00	120.00
	do	Stable, quartermaster's department	10.00	120.00
Bismarck, N. Dak.	4 rooms	Office, constructing quartermaster	20.00	180.00
Total				1,280.00

Statement of property rented by the Quarteimaster's Department, etc.—Continued.

DEPARTMENT OF TEXAS.

Post or station.	Kind of property.	Purpose for which used.	Monthly rate of rent.	Total amount for year.
Hebronville, Tex	1 room	Office for quartermaster's agent	$8.00	$96.00
Santa Maria, Tex	Building and ground.	Quarters and storeroom for a detachment.		150.00
Laredo, Tex	1 room	Quarters for signal sergeant, Fort McIntosh.	12.00	12.00
San Antonio, Tex	do	Quarters for commissary sergeant	12.00	40.00
	do	Quarters for veterinary surgeon, Fort Sam Houston.	12.00	144.00
	do	Quarters for signal sergeant	12.00	24.00
	do	do	12.00	24.00
	do	do	12.00	139.20
	do	do	12.00	129.60
	do	do	12.00	127.20
	do	do	12.00	121.20
	do	do	12.00	144.00
	do	do	12.00	144.00
Total				1,295.20

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA.

San Francisco, Cal	45 rooms	Offices for department headquarters	$750.00	$9,000.00
	Building	Stable, headquarters department	45.00	540.00
	1 room	Quarters, signal sergeant	12.00	144.00
San Diego Barracks, Cal	Building	Post hospital	70.00	840.00
	66 rooms	Officers' quarters	12.00	1,769.60
Total				12,293.60

DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA.

Portland, Oreg	7 rooms	Offices, paymasters and depot quartermaster.	$111.00	$1,332.00
Vancouver, Wash	1 room	Quarters for signal sergeant	12.00	132.00
Spokane, Wash	2 rooms	Office, constructing quartermaster	25.00	287.50
	Building	Stable for public animals	10.00	110.00
Seattle, Wash	2 rooms	Office, constructing quartermaster	23.50	258.50
Total				2,120.00

DEPARTMENT OF THE COLORADO.

Albuquerque, M. Mex	1 room	Office for paymaster	$25.00	$300.00
Brock, Utah	do	Quarters for signal sergeant	10.00	63.67
Cedar Springs, Ariz	do	do	12.00	144.00
Cooleys, Ariz	do	do	12.00	144.00
Denver, Colo	46 rooms	Headquarters Department of the Colorado	666.66	7,999.92
	Building	Stable, quartermaster's department	50.00	600.00
	2 rooms	Quarters for signal sergeant	24.00	288.00
Holbrook, Ariz	1 room	Office, quartermaster's agent	5.00	25.00
	do	Quarters, signal sergeant	12.00	144.00
Fort Logan, Colo	2 rooms	Quarters, for signal sergeant	12.00	22.80
Mammoth, Ariz	1 room	do	12.00	144.00
Price, Utah	do	do	12.00	144.00
	Building	Quartermaster's warehouse	15.00	180.00
San Bernardino, Ariz	1 room	Quarters for signal sergeant	12.00	80.00
Silver City, N. Mex	do	do	12.00	144.00
Willcox, Ariz	do	do	12.00	144.00
Total				10,567.39

Statement of property rented by the Quartermaster's Department, etc.—Continued.

GENERAL DEPOTS OF THE QUARTERMASTER'S DEPARTMENT.

Post or station.	Kind of property.	Purpose for which used.	Monthly rate of rent.	Total amount for year.
New York depot	1 room	Quarters for hospital steward	$14.00	$126.46
	Building	Stable and carriage-house for public animals, etc.	112.50	1,350.00
Philadelphia depot	Part of building.	Offices and stables	179.17	2,150.04
	1 room	Office for attending surgeon	18.00	216.00
	do	Quarters for post quartermaster's sergeant.	12.00	87.20
St. Louis depot	Building	Storehouse for medical department	166.67	2,000.00
San Francisco depot	do	Offices and storehouses for medical, subsistence, and quartermaster's departments.	833.33	9,999.00
		Storehouse for quartermaster supplies	125.00	1,500.00
		Storage of oils and turpentine, $\frac{3}{16}$ cent per case and 10 cents per barrel.		715.05
	1 room	Quarters for commissary sergeant	12.00	144.00
Washington depot	Ground	Stables, storehouses, etc	150.00	1,800.00
	1 room	Quarters for hospital steward	21.00	252.00
	do	do	12.00	144.00
	do	do	12.00	144.00
	do	Quarters for private hospital corps	12.00	144.00
	do	do	12.00	144.00
	do	Quarters for sergeant Signal Corps	12.00	144.00
	do	do	12.00	144.00
	do	do	12.00	144.00
	do	do	12.00	114.80
	do	do	12.00	16.80
	do	Quarters for ordnance sergeant, Fort Pulaski, Ga.	12.00	12.00
	do	Quarters for post quartermaster's sergeant at Nashville, Tenn.	12.00	36.00
	do	Quarters for sergeant Signal Corps, Nashville, Tenn.	12.00	28.80
	do	Quarters for ordnance sergeant, Nashville, Tenn.	12.00	28.80
	do	Quarters for sergeant, battalion engineers	12.00	28.80
	do	Quarters for private, battallion engineers	12.00	28.80
		Office for military attaché, Paris, France		360.00
		Office for military attaché, Berlin, Germany.		180.00
		Office for military attaché, London, England.		72.00
		Office for military attaché, Rome, Italy		300.00
		Office for military attaché, Vienna, Austria.		160.00
		Office for military attaché, Madrid, Spain		152.52
		Office for military attaché, Brussels, Belgium.		180.00
Total				23,047.07

RECAPITULATION.

Departments, etc.	Amount.
Department of the East	$3,742.01
Department of the Missouri	21,421.44
Department of the Platte	8,444.04
Department of Dakota	1,280.00
Department of Texas	1,295.20
Department of California	12,293.60
Department of the Columbia	2,120.00
Department of the Colorado	10,567.39
New York depot	1,476.46
Philadelphia depot	2,453.24
Washington depot	4,759.32
St. Louis depot	2,000.00
San Francisco depot	12,358.05
Total	84,210.75

Statement showing property rented by the Quartermaster's Department during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, for use as recruiting stations, etc., and amount paid for lodgings.

Place where rented.	Number of rooms.	Purpose for which used.	Monthly rate of rent.	Total amount for the year.
Richmond, Va	2 floors	Recruiting station	$50.00	$600.00
Lynchburg, Va	5 rooms	do	34.50	165.25
Baltimore, Md	Building	do	40.00	480.00
San Francisco, Cal	6 rooms	do	70.00	770.00
St. Louis, Mo	3 rooms	Lodgings	37.00	444.00
Philadelphia, Pa	9 rooms	Recruiting station	72.50	850.00
Pittsburg, Pa	Building	do	75.00	900.00
Harrisburg, Pa	6 rooms	do	47.00	564.00
New York City	14 rooms	do	130.00	1,560.00
Albany, N. Y	6 rooms	do	40.00	480.00
Buffalo, N. Y	Building	do	45.00	495.00
Jersey City, N. J	2 rooms	do	35.00	373.34
		Lodgings		175.50
Syracuse N. Y	do	Recruiting station	20.00	90.00
		Lodgings		55.25
St. Paul, Minn	6 rooms	Recruiting station	66.33	331.65
	Do	do	56.33	56.33
	Do	do	43.00	258.00
		Lodgings		11.00
Portland, Oreg		do		226.00
	5 rooms	Recruiting station	43.00	516.00
Seattle, Wash	3 rooms	do	25.00	300.00
	House	Domitory	29.00	
			27.50	331.50
Chicago, Ill	8 rooms	Recruiting station	82.00	984.00
Cincinnati, Ohio	15 rooms	do	72.00	864.00
Cleveland, Ohio	3 rooms	do	63.37	760.44
Detroit, Mich	6 rooms	do	63.00	693.00
Evansville, Ind	8 rooms	do	50.41	604.92
Indianapolis, Ind	do	do	50.00	600.00
Louisville, Ky	5 rooms	do	57.00	684.00
Milwaukee, Wis	6 rooms	do	56.00	672.00
Nashville, Tenn	9 rooms	do	50.00	600.00
Des Moines, Iowa	2 rooms	do	55.00	179.67
Springfield, Ill	do	do	23.00	76.66
	1 room	Lodgings	16.00	53.33
Wheeling, W. Va	2 rooms	Recruiting station	19.33	96.65
Grand Rapids, Mich	2 rooms	do	17.00	51.00
Parkersburg, W. Va		Lodgings		145.66
Ottumwa, Iowa		do		3.25
Dallas, Tex	3 rooms	Recruiting station	34.00	408.00
		Lodgings		112.75
Cumberland, Md	3 rooms	Recruiting station	29.00	87.00
		Lodgings		14.75
Boston, Mass	3 floors	Recruiting station	60.00	720.00
Providence, R. I	2 rooms	do	a 1.00	335.00
		Lodgings		232.00
Total				19,010.90

a Per day.

RESERVATIONS.

Under terms of act approved July 8, 1886 (G. O. 52 of 1886), the grounds comprising Old Fort Brady, Mich., authorized to be sold were duly platted, appraised, etc., and under public advertisement the buildings and fencing were disposed of at auction in October, 1893, for the sum of $2,072.50.

Forty-two lots have thus far under the act been sold at public and private sale (at not less than appraised value), total amount realized being $36,400, which sum (less cost attending sales) has been deposited in the Treasury.

The remaining 22 unsold lots are in charge of the quartermaster, Fort Brady, Mich., to whom application for purchase is made.

Under act approved March 1, 1890, the military reservation of Old

Fort Bliss was platted, appraised, and advertised for sale at public auction July 3, 1895.

At that sale lots Nos. 5, 6, 21, 22, 24, and 25 were disposed of, amount realized being	$2,570.00
Lots 4 and 12 were sold May 7, 1896, at private sale at appraised valuation	2,380.00
Total thus far realized	4,950.00

Which sum, less expenses attending sales, has been deposited in the Treasury.

March 9, 1897, Secretary of War executed an agreement giving James R. Harper, county judge, as agent for and on behalf of the county of El Paso, Tex., option, etc., to purchase within one year from date, at appraised value of $2,920, lot 18, with appurtenances thereon.

If not so purchased within the year, then the county is to pay an annual rental of $150 to the quartermaster at the new post and deliver up the property in as good condition as at time of execution of agreement.

Remaining lots are in charge of the quartermaster at new Fort Bliss for disposal.

The act of August 9, 1894, provides that when this reservation shall have been sold, "so much of the receipts therefrom as may be necessary, not to exceed four thousand dollars, are hereby appropriated to the construction of a military road between the city of El Paso and new Fort Bliss, Texas, said money to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War."

This road has not as yet been constructed.

Under sundry civil acts approved August 18, 1894, and June 11, 1896, an additional 161.8 acres of land have been acquired for Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., at a cost of $10,000, title thereto having been approved by the Department of Justice November 3, 1896, and deeds duly recorded among county records.

In sundry civil act approved March 2, 1895 (General Orders 13, of 1895), the following appears:

> The Secretary of War is hereby authorized, within his discretion, to establish a military post at such point on Puget Sound as shall in his judgment best subserve the public interests, provided that six hundred and forty acres of land suitable for the purpose shall be donated free of cost to the United States, or such greater quantity of land as in the opinion of the Secretary of War shall be necessary for the purpose.

Citizens of Seattle, representing the chamber of commerce, having first tendered a tract of 703 acres on Magnolia Bluff, about 3 miles from Seattle, the site was approved by the Secretary of War March 2, 1896, subject to Department of Justice rendering favorable opinion regarding title, etc.

It having been subsequently shown to the satisfaction of the War Department that insurmountable obstacles prevented the citizens from acquiring the full tract as originally tendered, a slightly reduced area has been made acceptable to the Department, the title papers of which are being collected for action of Department of Justice.

Sundry civil act of March 2, 1895 (General Orders 13, of 1895), authorizes the Secretary of War, within his discretion, to establish a military post at or near the city of Bismarck, N. Dak., provided a sufficient quantity of suitable land, not less than 640 acres, be donated free of cost to the United States, and further, by sundry civil act approved June 11, 1896, $40,000 is appropriated "for beginning the construction of permanent buildings," etc.

No site acceptable to the Department has thus far been tendered and no portion of the $40,000 above referred to has been used, it having been held by the Treasury to be an annual appropriation, good only for use during the fiscal year to which it pertained.

Sundry civil act, approved June 11, 1896, further provides:

For the purchase of land for a target range for the use of troops stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, eighteen thousand dollars, provided that any land purchased hereunder shall be unincumbered by any private or public ways or roads.

This office possesses no information as to what steps, if any, the War Department has taken with view of securing the range, the $18,000 above referred to being again appropriated in sundry civil act approved June 4, 1897, and "made available for expenditure during the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight."

Act approved July 23, 1888 (General Orders, No. 60, of 1888), authorizes the Secretary of War, after purchase of site and construction of new post (now known as Fort Crook, Nebr.), to sell the military reservation known as Fort Omaha.

The new post has been built and occupied, but no definite steps have yet been taken for disposing of the valuable land—some 80 acres which comprise Old Fort Omaha—owing to business depression, etc., of recent years.

General orders, Adjutant-General's Office, affecting military reservations, etc., issued during the year, are as follows:

General Orders, No. 28, of 1896, publishes President's order of July 1, 1896, directing that the military post and fortifications on Davids Island, New York, will hereafter be known and designated as Fort Slocum, in honor of the late Maj. Gen. Henry W. Slocum, United States Volunteers.

General Orders, No. 44, of 1896, announces President's action of September 22, 1896, transferring portion of Fort Robinson (Nebr.) Reservation to Interior Department.

General Orders, No. 48, of 1896, publishes President's action of November 20, 1896, reserving as a military reservation certain lands at Marrowstone Point, Admiralty Inlet, Washington.

General Orders, No. 52, of 1896, publishes President's action of December 18, 1896, transferring to Interior Department certain portion of the military reservation on the Sucia Islands, Gulf of Georgia, Washington.

General Orders, No. 2, of 1897, announces enlargement of limits of the Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery.

General Orders, No. 7, of 1897, publishes President's action of February 25, 1897, reserving for military purposes certain lands in Dade and Monroe counties, Fla.

General Orders, No. 14, of 1897, publishes President's action of February 26, 1897, adding to the Fort Sill (Okla.) Military Reservation certain lands "for exclusive use for military purposes and for the permanent location thereon of the Apache prisoners of war."

General Orders, No. 15, of 1897, publishes act approved March 2, 1897, granting right of way to St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company through Fort Spokane Reservation, Wash.

General Orders, No. 21, of 1897, publishes President's action of March 23, 1897, transferring certain portion of the Fort Clinch, Fla., Reservation to the Interior Department.

General Orders, No. 24, of 1897, publishes President's action of April 22, 1897, directing that new post at Little Rock, Ark., be hereafter known and designated as Fort Logan H. Roots, in honor of the late Bvt. Col. Logan H. Roots, United States Volunteers.

General Orders, No. 25, of 1897, publishes President's order of April 29, 1897, directing that the fortification at Lime Point, San Francisco Harbor, hereafter be known and designated as Fort Baker, in honor of the late Col. E. D. Baker, United States Volunteers.

General Orders, No. 28, of 1897, publishes President's action of May 10, 1897, reserving certain lands for defense of St. Andrews Bay, Florida.

Custodians are employed and paid by the Quartermaster's Department in caring for the following reservations:

Old Fort Bliss, Tex., Frank E. Tusten, $60 per month.
Madison Barracks Target Range, New York, James Fleming, $15 per month.
Fort Omaha, Nebr., Jerry Howard and Seth T. Cole, $45 per month each.
At Fort Townsend, Wash., J. W. Brown; at Fort Davis, Tex., J. L. Janes; at Monterey, Cal., Francis Doud, serve without money consideration.

Very respectfully,

C. P. MILLER,
Captain and Assistant Quartermaster, U. S. A.

The QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL, UNITED STATES ARMY,
Washington, D. C.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Washington, D. C., August —, 1897.

GENERAL: I have the honor to report the operations of the mail and record division for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1897.

MAIL AND RECORD DIVISION.

The following communications were received, and letters and indorsements mailed:

Original cases	9,498
Received back	36,199
Letters and indorsements mailed	41,330

MISCELLANEOUS CLAIMS AND ACCOUNTS.

At the beginning of the fiscal year there were on hand awaiting action:	
14 miscellaneous claims, amounting to	$7,000.50
4 accounts, amounting to	78.17
There were received during the year:	
177 miscellaneous claims, amounting to	31,221.30
232 accounts, amounting to	21,608.60
Total 427 claims and accounts, amounting to	59,908.57

Final action was taken on these as follows:

3 claims were approved for payment of	$170.73
2 claims were referred to other Departments	190.00
76 claims were sent to Treasury Department for settlement	13,142.72
43 claims were rejected	8,226.33
Reduction upon claims approved and referred	2,623.82
198 accounts were approved for payment of	14,830.37
Being a reduction of	44.12
13 accounts were referred to other Departments	1,293.16
11 accounts were rejected, amounting to	192.49
Total upon which final action was taken, 124 claims and 222 accounts, amounting to	40,713.74

There were on hand awaiting action July 1, 1897:

67 claims, amounting to	$13,868.20
14 accounts, amounting to	5,326.63
Total, 81 claims and accounts	19,194.83

CLAIMS UNDER THE ACT OF JULY 4, 1864.

There remained in this office on July 1, 1897, not finally acted upon, 97 claims presented under the act of July 4, 1864, amounting to $120,668.37.

Action upon these claims has been suspended awaiting additional evidence.

The papers pertaining to 19 claims, amounting to $46,877.93, which had previously been investigated and disallowed by the Quartermaster-General, were, during the year, transmitted to the Court of Claims or to the Department of Justice for use as evidence in such cases as had been appealed to the Court of Claims under provisions of the law of March 3, 1883, known as the Bowman Act.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS.

During the fiscal year, newspapers and periodicals have been supplied for the enlisted men of the Army at 95 military post libraries at a cost of $3,339.79. These posts were garrisoned by 392 companies or detachments.

PRINTING AND BINDING.

During the fiscal year 355 requisitions were made on the Public Printer for printing and binding. The cost for the work, so far as bills have been received, is $5,588.98, which sum does not include the cost of work done in the War Department branch printing office.

NATIONAL CEMETERIES.

The national cemeteries are classed as follows:

First class	25
Second class	20
Third class	16
Fourth class	22
Total	83

The interments therein to June 30, 1897, are:

Known	185,412
Unknown	150,864
Total	336,276

There are 75 superintendents, the total number authorized. Changes during the year: Appointed, 3; discharged, 2; died, 1. Two assistant superintendents have completed the probationary service required by the rules of the Department and are awaiting appointment when vacancies occur.

Removals of remains of officers, enlisted men, and others from abandoned post cemeteries and elsewhere to other permanent post or national cemeteries were as follows:

From—	To national or other cemetery at—	Number.
Springhill, Maury County, Tenn	Nashville (Tenn.) National Cemetery	2
West Pascagoula, Miss	Chalmette (La.) National Cemetery	1
Near Glendale, Va	Glendale (Va.) National Cemetery	2
Fort Mifflin, Pa	Philadelphia (Pa.) National Cemetery	10
Near Rappahannock River, Virginia	Fredericksburg (Va.) National Cemetery	1
Adams County, Ohio	Cave Hill (Ky.) National Cemetery	1
Forts Steadman and Rice, Va	Poplar Grove (Va.) National Cemetery	2
Fort Jackson, Ala	Mobile (Ala.) National Cemetery	70

From—	To national or other cemetery at—	Number.
Fort Monroe, Va.	Hampton (Va.) National Cemetery	303
Fort McPherson, Ga.	Marietta (Ga.) National Cemetery	33
Potters' field, San Antonio, Tex.	San Antonio (Tex.) National Cemetery	1
Colliersville, Tenn	Memphis (Tenn.) National Cemetery	2
Near Forest City, Ark	do	8
Fort Wayne (post cemetery), Mich	Woodmere Cemetery, Fort Wayne (Mich.)	161
Columbus Barracks (post cemetery), Ohio.	Green Lawn Cemetery, Columbus (Ohio)	87
Total reinterred		684

Instructions have also been given for removal of the remains of United States soldiers from the abandoned military post of Fort Concho, Tex., to the San Antonio (Tex.) National Cemetery.

There being no national cemetery in the vicinity of the military posts of Fort Wayne, Mich., and Columbus Barracks, Ohio, and the continuance of the post cemeteries being deemed undesirable for sanitary and other reasons, arrangements were made for removal of the remains to, and for the interment of officers and enlisted men who may hereafter die at these posts in, incorporated cemeteries in the vicinity, at a stipulated cost for each interment, to include digging, filling, sodding, and future care of the graves, without further expense to the United States.

Headstones.—To mark the graves of known Union soldiers, sailors, and marines in national, post, city, and village cemeteries, 9,914 white marble headstones were provided.

Indigent soldiers.—Under the acts of Congress (sundry civil) making appropriations for "Expenses of burying in the Arlington National Cemetery, or in the cemeteries of the District of Columbia, indigent ex-Union soldiers, sailors, and marines of the late civil war who die in the District of Columbia," claims for the burial of 69 such persons have been paid, at a total cost of $2,685.

Roadways.—The roadway authorized by Congress June 8, 1896, from the north side of Cache River Bridge, in Pulaski County, Ill., to connect with the graveled road running from Mound City, Ill., to the Illinois Central Railroad in said county, is nearly completed.

Amount appropriated	$15,000.00
Amount expended during the year	10,656.75

Length of road, 4,960 feet.

The draining and repairing of the road to the Hampton (Va.) National Cemetery, authorized by acts of Congress (sundry civil) approved March 2, 1889, and August 30, 1890, still awaits the action of the board of supervisors of Elizabeth City County, Va.

Under the acts of Congress (sundry civil) making appropriations for "Repairing roadways to national cemeteries," repairs have been made to roadways leading to the national cemeteries at Alexandria, Va.; Antietam, Md.; Corinth, Miss.; Culpeper, Va.; Fayetteville, Ark.; Florence, S. C.; Fredericksburg, Va.; Marietta, Ga.; Mound City, Ill.; Natchez, Miss.; Newbern, N. C.; Port Hudson, La.; Richmond, Va.; Springfield, Mo.; Staunton, Va., and Vicksburg, Miss. Amount expended, $8,805.78.

The estimated requirement for maintenance and improvement of these roadways during the fiscal year was $10,545.60, but in consequence of the limited appropriation for the purpose the repairs were confined to such as were absolutely necessary for their protection, deferring improvements until an adequate appropriation therefor should be *authorized.*

Memorial Day (May 31) was duly observed at the several cemeteries, in most instances by appropriate services conducted by the Grand Army of the Republic and similar patriotic organizations, and at some of the smaller cemeteries by the citizens, school children, and others, under the direction of the superintendents.

Improvements and repairs of national cemeteries.— At the Alexandria (Va.) National Cemetery, repairs were made to the lodge and a new porch constructed.

At the Arlington (Va.) National Cemetery, repairs were made to the inclosing wall, gates, mansion, outbuildings, water supply and drainage, and an iron flagstaff 100 feet in length erected to replace a similar staff 50 feet in length. The granolithic walk from the principal entrance on the eastern side of the cemetery to the mansion, contracted for during the previous fiscal year, has been completed, and a contract awarded for the construction of 3,770 linear feet of stone wall along the western and southern boundaries of the reservation to inclose an addition to the national cemetery, authorized January 11, 1897.

At the Barrancas (Fla.) National Cemetery, a wooden flagstaff 65 feet in length has been erected.

At the Baton Rouge (La.) National Cemetery, the rostrum contracted for during the previous fiscal year has been completed, and a system for underdraining the lodge provided to prevent further settling of the walls, preparatory to repairing the same.

At the Battle Ground (D. C.) National Cemetery, repairs were made to the inclosing wall, lodge, outbuilding, water supply, and drainage, and an iron flagstaff 50 feet in length, removed from Arlington National Cemetery, erected.

At the Beaufort (S. C.) National Cemetery, the rostrum contracted for during the previous fiscal year has been completed.

At the Camp Butler (Ill.) National Cemetery, the rostrum contracted for during the previous fiscal year has been completed, and necessary repairs made to the lodge, outbuildings, inclosing wall, and drainage.

At the Chalmette (La.) National Cemetery, the brick outbuilding contracted for during the previous fiscal year has been completed, and repairs made to the lodge and water supply.

At the Chattanooga (Tenn.) National Cemetery, repairs were made to the inclosing walls and gates, the driveways put in good order, and the outbuilding which was damaged by fire August 10, 1896, thoroughly repaired.

At the Corinth (Miss.) National Cemetery, the lodge, outbuildings, and drainage were repaired, and a new wooden flagstaff 65 feet in length erected.

At the Custer Battlefield (Mont.) National Cemetery, repairs were made to the water supply, and a wooden flagstaff 65 feet in length erected.

At the Finns Point (N. J.) National Cemetery, repairs were made to the lodge, and 244 cubic yards of stone riprap placed along the inclosing wall at the river bank to protect the foundation of the wall during high water.

At the Fort McPherson (Nebr.) National Cemetery, the lodge, inclosing wall, and water supply were repaired, and a brick stable erected.

At the Fredericksburg (Va.) National Cemetery, repairs were made to the inclosing wall, lodge, outbuilding, water supply, and drainage.

At the Glendale (Va.) National Cemetery, repairs were made to the lodge and an addition to the outbuilding constructed.

At the Jefferson Barracks (Mo.) National Cemetery, repairs were

made to the lodge, outbuildings, and drainage, and the inclosing walls repaired and repointed.

At the Marietta (Ga.) National Cemetery, the water supply was improved by connection with the city main.

At the Mound City (Ill.) National Cemetery, the iron fence inclosing the cemetery was repaired and painted.

At the Natchez (Miss.) National Cemetery, a wooden flagstaff 65 feet in length was ordered to replace the iron flagstaff damaged April 30, 1897, while being repaired.

At the Poplar Grove (Va.) National Cemetery, the rostrum contracted for during the previous fiscal year was completed.

At the Salisbury (N. C.) National Cemetery, the rostrum contracted for during the previous fiscal year was completed.

At the San Francisco (Cal.) National Cemetery, repairs were made to the lodge. A white bronze monument, surmounted by a statue of a soldier, was erected by the "Regular Army and Navy Union" in the center of plot 7, on the east side of the cemetery, and was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies on Decoration Day.

The stone wall contracted for during the previous fiscal year to inclose the addition to the cemetery, authorized February 29, 1896, has been completed.

At the Santa Fe (N. Mex.) National Cemetery, repairs were made to the lodge, outbuilding, and drainage, and a wooden flagstaff 65 feet in length erected to replace one destroyed by lightning July 13, 1896.

At the Winchester (Va.) National Cemetery, the water supply was improved by connection with the city waterworks.

At all the national cemeteries necessary repairs were made and the grounds properly cared for.

Soldiers' lots.—For the soldiers' lot, owned by the United States, in the city cemetery, Mound City, Kans., a wooden flagstaff 60 feet in length was provided and a national flag supplied.

A statement showing the expenditures at the several national cemeteries is submitted herewith, marked "A."

Very respectfully,

J. T. FRENCH, Jr.,
Captain and Assistant Quartermaster, United States Army.

The QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL.

A statement of the disbursements of appropriations for national cemeteries during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897.

Name of cemetery.	Amount.	Name of cemetery.	Amount.
Alexandria, La	$685.95	Keokuk, Iowa	$245.87
Alexandria, Va	722.19	Knoxville, Tenn	528.71
Andersonville, Ga	887.24	Lebanon, Ky	384.56
Annapolis, Md	459.43	Lexington, Ky	60.00
Antietam, Md	726.40	Little Rock, Ark	955.83
Arlington, Va	24,259.53	Loudon Park, Md	669.83
Balls Bluff, Va	25.00	Marietta, Ga	1,306.12
Barrancas, Fla	629.60	Memphis, Tenn	1,448.88
Baton Rouge, La	1,726.92	Mexico City, Mex	564.69
Battle Ground, D. C	284.87	Mill Springs, Ky	282.60
Beaufort, S. C	1,338.37	Mobile, Ala	179.34
Beverly, N. J	367.33	Mound City, Ill	1,018.24
Brownsville, Tex	862.70	Nashville, Tenn	2,579.62
Camp Butler, Ill	1,212.16	Natchez, Miss	838.80
Camp Nelson, Ky	487.17	New Albany, Ind	379.51
Cavehill, Ky	128.46	Newbern, N. C	494.66
Chalmette, La	4,016.80	Philadelphia, Pa	1,227.15
Chattanooga, Tenn	4,172.21	Poplar Grove, Va	1,394.86
City Point, Va	1,115.88	Port Hudson, La	496.29
Cold Harbor, Va	350.14	Quincy, Ill	25.00
Corinth, Miss	1,590.44	Raleigh, N. C	322.07
Crown Hill, Ind	10.00	Richmond, Va	1,512.90
Culpeper, Va	587.71	Rock Island, Ill	400.00
Custer Battlefield, Mont	772.24	Salisbury, N. C	1,578.26
Cypress Hills, N. Y	1,958.85	San Antonio, Tex	250.50
Danville, Ky	100.00	San Francisco, Cal	5,569.62
Danville, Va	408.13	Sante Fe, N. Mex	1,311.03
Fayetteville, Ark	680.00	Seven Pines, Va	294.63
Finns Point, N. J	314.74	Shiloh, Tenn	988.24
Florence, S. C	322.29	Soldiers' Home, District of Columbia	1,334.26
Fort Donelson, Tenn	389.65	Springfield, Mo	399.27
Fort Gibson, Ind. T	408.25	St. Augustine, Fla	75.00
Fort Harrison, Va	454.98	Staunton, Va	235.60
Fort Leavenworth, Kans	1,213.71	Stones River, Tenn	895.86
Fort McPherson, Nebr	1,672.66	Vicksburg, Miss	3,486.59
Fort Scott, Kans	500.19	Wilmington, N. C	288.55
Fort Smith, Ark	553.12	Winchester, Va	711.74
Fredericksburg, Va	1,431.14	Woodlawn, N. Y	114.50
Gettysburg, Pa	929.84	Yorktown, Va	210.41
Glendale, Va	517.21	Soldiers' lots	347.14
Grafton, W. Va	241.16	Miscellaneous	2,806.56
Hampton, Va	852.47		
Jefferson Barracks, Mo	2,280.35	Total	101,062.32
Jefferson City, Mo	201.55		

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